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### CALL TO ORDER

The regular biennial convention of the Libertarian Party was called to order at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans, Louisiana at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 1, 2018. LNC Chair Nicholas Sarwark served as convention chair (except where specifically noted), and LNC Secretary Alicia Mattson served as convention secretary for the duration.

### PRESENTATION OF FLAG

A team of veterans ceremonially presented to Mr. Sarwark a folded United States flag to highlight the issue of high veteran suicide rates.

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Susan Hogarth, as Chair of the Credentials Committee, presented the initial credentials report.

The list of individuals certified by the Credentials Committee as being eligible to register at the convention contained 1276 names (including delegates and alternates) from 51 affiliates.

Ms. Hogarth reported current registration as being 676 delegates and 21 alternates who are entitled to cast 692 votes. Quorum is 277.

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Ms. Hogarth moved that the registered delegate list presented by the Credentials Committee be approved. There was no objection.

Richard Burke (OR) requested to read a letter regarding the unified Oregon delegation. There was no objection. The letter read as follows:

Dear LNC Credentials Committee, et al.,

As some of you are aware, the credentialing of an Oregon delegation to the LNC national convention has been a contentious matter since 2012. This biennial controversy reflects a rift within the Libertarian Party of Oregon existing since March of 2011. Since our dispute arose, two groups have each claimed to be the Libertarian Party of Oregon. One group has been recognized by the Oregon Secretary of State since 2011, and each group has been recognized by various bodies within the LNC at different times.

We are pleased to report to your committee, the LNC, and delegates assembled at convention that the leadership of both Oregon factions - represented by the signatures of Kyle Markley and Ian Epstein, below - have come together in the spirit of cooperation, setting aside our differences in the interest of representing Oregon Libertarians in this year's convention. The Oregon delegation contains several people from both sides of our dispute, and both sides have agreed to Drew Layda serving as the Oregon delegation chair.

This cooperation marks an important first milestone on our road to reconciliation. Both sides have begun to work together, and although challenges remain, we are confident that the conclusion of this process will open a new productive chapter for the Libertarian Party of Oregon as we advance the libertarian movement together.

Yours in Liberty,

Drew Layda  
Kyle Markley  
Ian Epstein

## ***ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA***

A proposed agenda had been printed for the delegates, and the convention took up a motion to adopt the agenda as proposed.

Arvin Vohra (PA) moved to add a new agenda item prior to the Treasurer's Report for a 10-minute discussion of debate exclusion. A voice vote on the motion was inconclusive. The motion was ruled failed on a rising vote.

Dan Reale (CT) moved to suspend the rules to consider four resolutions which had been submitted in writing. The suspension failed on a voice vote.

The main motion to adopt the agenda as proposed was adopted by a voice vote.

## ***AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT***

Due to temporary technical difficulties with attempts to project the treasurer's presentation, without objection, the convention first took up the agenda item for the Audit Committee Report.

Julie Fox, as Chair of the Audit Committee, presented the Audit Committee's report, noting recommendations from the outside audit firm and the Audit Committee's positions on those recommendations. Delegate binders included printed copies of audited financial statements for fiscal years ending December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2017.

## ***TREASURER'S REPORT***

Tim Hagan presented the Treasurer's Report, referencing the audited financial statements printed in the delegate materials. He fielded questions regarding the report.

## ***WELCOME SPEAKER***

Tim Moen, Leader of the Libertarian Party of Canada, gave a welcome presentation. It was followed by a video tribute to Dr. Marc Allan Feldman, whose speech during the 2016 Libertarian Party presidential candidates' debate had inspired this convention's theme of "I'm THAT Libertarian!"

## AWARDS COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Awards Committee, Tim Hagan introduced his fellow committee members: Daniel Hayes, Jim Lark, Keith Laube, and Jennifer 'Hap' Werther. Mr. Hagan explained the Hall of Liberty Award as a successor to the Thomas Jefferson Award as it was previously defined. With the restructuring of the awards, the LNC had voted to confer the new Hall of Liberty Award on the previous recipients of the Thomas Jefferson Award, those being: David Bergland, the late John Perry, the late Ron Crickenberger, Ruth Bennett, and Jim Lark. A video was played to honor those individuals.

There was no family representative available to accept John Perry's award. Steve Dasbach accepted the awards for Ron Crickenberger and David Bergland. Ruth Bennett and Jim Lark accepted their awards.

## BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

At 10:44 a.m., Joe Bishop-Henchman, on behalf of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, began presentation of the committee's report.

### SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

On behalf of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to suspend the rules and permit two minutes speaking time for each minority report contained in the reports of both the Bylaws and Rules Committee and the Platform Committee. Following debate, the motion was adopted by a voice vote.

### ALLOW DEBATE ON PROPOSALS TO DELETE PLATFORM PLANKS

On behalf of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to amend the convention rules as follows:

#### **RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING -- PLATFORM**

1. After the adoption of the convention agenda, the convention will vote whether to delete planks from the existing platform. This will be accomplished as follows:

[...]

g. As its first item of platform business, the convention shall vote whether to delete each of those planks that received a number of tokens for deletion equal to 20% or more of the number of credentialed delegates. ~~Such votes shall be cast without amendment or debate.~~ The Convention Chair shall then open the deletion proposal for debate without amendment for a period of up to ten minutes before bringing the matter to a vote.

Following debate, a vote by a show of hands was inconclusive. A subsequent rising vote was also inconclusive. A standing count was conducted, yielding 283 in favor and 181 opposed, so the motion failed to achieve the required 2/3 vote.

Curry Taylor (TX) moved a substitute motion to instead delete Convention Rule 5, Section 1 in its entirety, as follows:

#### **RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING – PLATFORM**

~~1. After the adoption of the convention agenda, the convention will vote whether to delete planks from the existing platform. This will be accomplished as follows:~~

- ~~a. The Credentials Committee shall issue five signature tokens to each delegate.~~
- ~~b. Tokens shall only be issued to delegates. Delegates are responsible for transferring possession of unused tokens to their alternates if necessary.~~
- ~~c. Each delegate may cast each token as a recommendation for deletion of one plank by noting on the token the plank to be deleted and signing the token.~~
- ~~d. A delegate may cumulate recommendations by casting any number of tokens for deletion of the same plank.~~
- ~~e. Delegates will be given until one hour prior to the scheduled start of the platform report to mark their tokens and deliver them to the Secretary.~~
- ~~f. Prior to the scheduled start of the platform report, the Secretary shall review the tokens received and tabulate and report the tokens submitted for deletion of each plank.~~
- ~~g. As its first item of platform business, the convention shall vote whether to delete each of those planks that received a number of tokens for deletion equal to 20% or more of the number of credentialed delegates. Such votes shall be cast without amendment or debate.~~

Tom Howe (NC) raised a point of order that he didn't believe it to be in order to propose other motions during a committee report. Mr. Sarwark ruled the Curry motion to be in order.

Following debate, the Curry motion to substitute failed by a rising vote.

Jim Fulner (MI) moved to suspend the rules and immediately take up committee proposal W (titled "Reduce Email Vote Time"). The motion was superseded by a point of order.

John Wilford (TX) raised a point of order that the Curry motion to substitute had failed, but the main motion from the committee (the motion for which the substitute was proposed) remains pending, and delegates need to vote to dispose of it. Mr. Sarwark ruled that voting again on the committee proposal would constitute a reconsideration without a delegate having moved for reconsideration and without the assembly having agreed to a reconsideration. Mr. Wilford appealed the ruling of the chair. Following debate, the motion to sustain the chair's ruling was adopted by a voice vote.

The assembly returned to the Fulner motion to suspend the rules and immediately take up committee proposal W (titled "Reduce Email Vote Time"). A voice vote was inconclusive. The motion was adopted by a rising vote.

## REDUCE EMAIL VOTE TIME

On behalf of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to amend the bylaws as follows:

### ARTICLE 13: ELECTRONIC MAIL BALLOTS

Boards and committees may transact business by electronic mail. The chair or secretary shall send out electronic mail ballots on any question submitted by the chair or cosponsored by at least 1/5 of the members of the board or committee. The period for voting on a question shall remain open for ~~ten~~ seven days, unless all members have cast votes, or have stated an intention to abstain or be absent during the voting period, by electronic mail to the entire board or committee. Votes from alternates will be counted, in accordance with previously defined ranked order, in the absence of the corresponding committee member(s). The outcome of each motion shall be announced promptly and recorded in the minutes of the next meeting. The number of votes required for passage of any motion shall be the same as that required during a meeting. Motions dispensed through electronic mail ballots satisfy the requirement of giving previous notice.

Following debate, the motion was adopted by a rising vote.

The convention adjourned for lunch at 12:00 noon. Following lunch, the convention was called back to order at 1:31 p.m.

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Ms. Hogarth reported current registration as 770 delegates and 22 alternates who are entitled to cast 780 votes. Quorum is 312.

Ms. Hogarth reported the following requests from affiliates for additions to their delegate lists:

Jonathan Adams – WA delegate  
Ernest Claybon – AL alternate  
Justin David – WA delegate  
Bruce Earnheart – UT delegate  
Robert Evans – WA delegate  
Alicia Gross – WA delegate  
Shain Learner – WA delegate  
Amber Pulis – WA delegate  
Anya Pulis – WA delegate  
Marcus Pulis – WA delegate  
Murray Sabrin – NJ delegate  
Jeff Sanford – WA delegate  
Bradford White – GA alternate  
Michael Wolf – MT delegate  
Emily Wood – WA delegate  
Michael Wood – WA delegate

John Mohler (OH) moved to approve the 16 additions to delegate lists. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

## BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE REPORT (CONTINUED)

### SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Daniel Hayes (LA) moved to suspend the rules to immediately take up committee proposal Q (titled “Codify Protection of Statement of Principles”). The suspension was adopted by a voice vote.

Tyler Danke (WI) moved to suspend the rules to amend the agenda by adding 1 hour to the time for the Bylaws and Rules Committee Report. The motion failed by a voice vote.

### CODIFY PROTECTION OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

On behalf of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to amend the bylaws as follows:

#### ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT

1. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any Regular Convention.
2. Article 3, Section 1, [or this Section](#), shall not be amended by a vote of less than 7/8 of all registered delegates at a Regular Convention.

Following debate, the motion was adopted by a rising vote.

## SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Chuck Moulton (PA) moved to suspend the rules and immediately take up committee proposal V (titled “Roll Call Votes for Committees”). The suspension failed on a voice vote.

## CLARIFY METHOD OF ELECTING JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to amend the convention rules as follows:

### **RULE 2: VOTING PROCEDURE AND MOTIONS**

On all matters, except the retention of platform planks, the election of [Judicial Committee Members](#), Party Officers and at-large members of the National Committee, and the nomination of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, voting will be by either voice vote or rising vote. If any delegate objects to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a voice vote, a rising vote shall be conducted. If 20 or more delegates object to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a rising vote, a counted vote will be held.

Following debate, the motion was adopted by a voice vote.

## SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Andy Craig (WI) moved to suspend the rules and immediately take up bylaws proposal L (titled “Elect LNC and JC Earlier”). The suspension failed on a voice vote.

Mike Seebeck (CO) moved to suspend the rules and immediately take up bylaws proposal N (titled “Clarify Platform Amendment Thresholds in Article 3.3”). The suspension failed on a voice vote.

Mr. Sarwark reminded delegates that platform deletion tokens were due at 2:10 p.m., which would be 1 hour prior to the start of the Platform Committee Report. He invited a motion to suspend the rules and instead make all tokens (platform deletion and debate qualification) due at 3:00 p.m. A delegate so moved. The suspension was adopted by a voice vote.

## APPOINT CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE MEMBERS EARLIER

On behalf of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to amend the bylaws as follows:

### **ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES**

2. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall consist of ten Party members appointed by the National Committee no later than ~~three~~ [twelve](#) months before a Regular Convention. No more than five of these members shall be members of the National Committee.

[...]

4. The Credentials Committee, composed of ten members, shall be selected as follows.

a. Five members chosen by the National Committee no later than six months before a Regular Convention. b. One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as determined for Convention delegate allocations at the most recent Regular Convention. These shall be selected by each of the affiliate parties no later than ~~one month~~ [three months](#) prior to the Regular Convention.

*Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

Following debate, the motion was adopted by a rising vote.

## CLARIFYING PROCEDURES FOR REGIONAL ALTERNATES

On behalf of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to amend the bylaws and the convention rules as follows:

### ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

8. A National Committee Regional Representative or Alternate may be removed and replaced only by the act of the affiliate parties ~~which that~~ constitute the subject region. The voting procedure for the removal and replacement of regional representatives or alternates shall be determined by the regions. In the absence of any such procedures, a majority vote of the state chairs comprising the region shall prevail.

### RULE 8: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE

4. In the event a region has not otherwise provided for the election of its ~~regional representative to the~~ National Committee representation then the delegates from the region shall elect its regional representative and alternate, provided there are at least five delegates present. Each Region's delegates may elect their representative and alternate in whatever manner they choose, provided all delegates present from that region are given equal voice in the selection.

The motion was adopted by a rising vote.

## SIMPLIFY ARTICLE 4 LANGUAGE ON MEMBERSHIP

On behalf of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to amend the bylaws as follows:

### ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

1. Members of the Party shall be those persons who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.
2. The National Committee may offer life memberships, and must honor all prior and future life memberships.
3. ~~“Sustaining member” is any Party member who has given at least \$25 to the Party in the prior twelve months, or who is a life member.~~
4. ~~The National Committee may create other levels of membership and shall determine the contribution or dues levels for such memberships.~~
5. ~~Higher levels of contribution by or on behalf of a Party member qualify as sustaining member status for any provision of these Bylaws.~~
6. ~~Only sustaining members shall be counted for delegate apportionment and National Committee representation. Only sustaining members shall be eligible to hold National Party office or be a candidate for President or Vice President.~~
4. “Sustaining members” are members of the Party who:
  - a. During the prior twelve months have donated, or have had donated on their behalf, an amount of at least \$25;
  - or
  - b. Are Life members.

Following debate, the motion was adopted by a rising vote.

## REORGANIZE PURPOSE STATEMENT

On behalf of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to amend the bylaws as follows:

### ARTICLE 2: PURPOSES

The Libertarian Party is organized to ~~implement and give voice to the principles embodied in the defend~~ freedom and expand liberty in America, as articulated in our Statement of Principles, by:

1. functioning as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements;
2. ~~moving public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office~~ electing Libertarians to public office to move public policy in a libertarian direction;
3. chartering affiliate parties throughout the United States and promoting their growth and activities;
4. nominating candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, and supporting Party and affiliate party candidates for political office; and;
5. entering into public information activities.

Richard Longstreth (CO) moved to suspend the rules to allow introduction of an amendment before voting on the committee proposal. The suspension failed by a voice vote.

Following debate, the main motion failed by a rising vote. Per Convention Rule 4, the proposal was opened for amendments.

Joe Bishop-Henchman (DC) moved to amend the proposal by striking “in America” from the language proposed for insertion. The amendment was adopted by a rising vote.

Robert Imhoff (CA) moved to further amend so that the main motion would instead read:

### ARTICLE 2: PURPOSES

The Party is organized to implement and give voice to the principles embodied in the Statement of Principles by:

1. functioning as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements;
2. ~~moving public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office~~ electing Libertarians to public office to move public policy in a libertarian direction;
3. chartering affiliate parties throughout the United States and promoting their growth and activities;
4. nominating candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, and supporting Party and affiliate party candidates for political office; and;
5. entering into public information activities.

A voice vote on the Imhoff amendment was inconclusive. It was ruled adopted by a rising vote. Per Convention Rule 2, a sufficient number of delegates objected to the chair’s ruling and called for a counted vote. The count found 228 in favor and 219 opposed. With the amendment having received a majority, the Imhoff proposal became the main motion.

The main motion, as amended, was adopted by a rising vote.

## SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Andy Craig (WI) moved to suspend the rules and immediately take up committee proposal L (titled “Elect LNC and JC Earlier”). A voice vote on the suspension was inconclusive. It was ruled adopted by a rising vote.



## ELECT LNC AND JC EARLIER

On behalf of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to amend the convention rules as follows:

### **RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The standing order of business for a Regular Convention shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Credentials Committee report
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Treasurer's report
5. Audit Committee report
6. Bylaws and Rules Committee report
- [7. Election of Judicial Committee](#)
- [8. Election of Party Officers and at-large members of the National Committee](#)
- ~~7-9.~~ Platform Committee report
- ~~8-10.~~ Nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President (in appropriate years)
- ~~9. Election of Party Officers and at-large members of the National Committee~~
- ~~10. Election of Judicial Committee~~
- ~~11.~~[11.](#) Resolutions
- ~~12.~~[12.](#) Other business

*Provisos: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted. If Proposal I is adopted, the phrase "Election of Judicial Committee" shall be followed with "(in appropriate years)"*

Following debate, the motion was adopted by a rising vote.

Caryn Ann Harlos (CO) moved to suspend the rules and immediately take up committee proposal I (titled "Make Judicial Committee a Four-Year Term"). The suspension failed on a voice vote.

## MAKE ELECTED LIBERTARIANS AUTOMATIC DELEGATES AT CONVENTION

On behalf of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to amend the bylaws as follows:

### **ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS**

#### **4. Affiliate Party Delegate Entitlements:**

Each affiliate party shall be entitled to send delegates to each Regular Convention on the following basis:

- a. One delegate for each 0.14 percent, or fraction thereof, of the total Party sustaining membership in that affiliate; provided that at least one such delegate must be a resident of that State or District.
- b. One delegate for each 0.35 percent, or fraction thereof, of the votes cast nationwide for the Libertarian Party candidate in the most recent presidential election, cast in that affiliate's state.

[Unless disapproved by a majority vote of the affiliate's or Convention's non-ex-officio delegates, in addition to the delegate allocation, any sustaining member who is not a member of any party other than the Libertarian Party and is elected to and serving as Governor of a U.S. state, member of the U.S. Senate, member of the](#)

U.S. House of Representatives, state senator, state legislator, or Mayor is entitled to be a delegate in the corresponding affiliate's delegation upon presenting proof of such status to the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee shall include in its report the number of such delegates added to each delegation.

*Proviso: The amendment shall take effect upon the close of the convention at which it is adopted.*

Following debate, Aaron Starr (CA) moved to postpone indefinitely this proposal. The indefinite postponement was adopted by a voice vote.

## MAKE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE A FOUR-YEAR TERM

On behalf of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to amend the bylaws and convention rules as follows:

### ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

1. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of seven Party members elected at each Regular [Non-Presidential](#) Convention, and any five members shall constitute a quorum. No member of the National Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee. The members of the Judicial Committee shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the Regular [Non-Presidential](#) Convention at which elected and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular [Non-Presidential](#) Convention. All Judicial Committee members shall have been Party members at least four years at the time of their selection. The remaining members of the Judicial Committee shall appoint new members if vacancies occur, such appointees to serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular [Non-Presidential](#) Convention.

### RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS

The standing order of business for a Regular Convention shall be as follows:

[...]

10. Election of Judicial Committee [\(in appropriate years\)](#)
11. Resolutions
12. Other business

Following debate, the motion was adopted by a rising vote.

## SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Robert Imhoff (CA) moved to suspend the rules and re-order all committee proposals with multiple minority reports to the end of the presentation order. The motion failed by a voice vote.

## PLATFORM RETENTION VOTE

At 3:35 p.m, the counts of platform tokens were presented. Pursuant to Convention Rule 5.1.g, with an updated count from the credentials database, it required tokens equal to 20% of 799, or 160 tokens, to bring a platform plank to a deletion vote.

The following numbers of tokens were received:

Plank	Title	Token Count
1.5	Abortion	608
3.4	Free Trade and Migration	86
3.1	National Defense	53
3.0	Securing Liberty	46
2.5	Government Employees	44
1.8	Death Penalty	37
2.9	Education	25
3.2	Internal Security and Individual Rights	22
2.8	Labor Markets	18
1.6	Parental Rights	17
2.2	Environment	17
2.10	Health Care	17
4.0	Omissions	14
1.4	Personal Relationships	11
3.6	Representative Government	9
1.0	Personal Liberty	7
2.3	Energy and Resources	7
2.4	Government Finance and Spending	7
1.7	Crime and Justice	5
3.3	International Affairs	5
3.7	Self-Determination	5
2.1	Property and Contract	4
1.2	Expression and Communication	3
2.6	Money and Financial Markets	3
1.1	Self-Ownership	2
1.9	Self-Defense	2
2.7	Marketplace Freedom	2
3.5	Rights and Discrimination	2
1.3	Privacy	1
2.0	Economic Liberty	1
2.11	Retirement and Income Security	1

The convention took up the motion required by Convention Rule 5.1.g to consider deletion of plank 1.5, titled "Abortion", as it had received at least 160 tokens.

Gene Bell (OK) raised a point of order about whether a quorum was present. With a quorum requirement of 312, the chair ruled that a quorum was present.

The motion to delete the "Abortion" plank failed by a rising vote.

## ***PLATFORM COMMITTEE REPORT***

Caryn Ann Harlos, chair of the Platform Committee, began presentation of the committee's report.

### **SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

Starchild (CA) moved to suspend the rules and immediately take up platform proposal N (titled "Amend Current Plank 3.4 'Free Trade and Migration'"). The suspension was adopted by a voice vote.

## RESOLVING PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE MINORITY REPORTS

Mr. Sarwark noted that several proposals from the Platform Committee had multiple minority reports. He reviewed Convention Rule 5 and indicated that because rules regarding minority reports use words such as “both”, “two”, and “either”, the implication was that only one minority report was anticipated, therefore he ruled that multiple minority reports were out of order. Darryl Perry (NH) inquired how the chair would apply his ruling to choose which one of the multiple minority reports would be ruled to be in order. Mr. Sarwark indicated he would choose the minority report with the largest number of signers.

Michael Kielsky (AZ) moved to suspend the rules to allow the consideration of multiple minority reports. A voice vote on the suspension was inconclusive. It was ruled adopted on a rising vote.

The chair indicated that with the suspension just adopted, each of the minority reports would be presented, and then the delegates would need to choose between them. Upon inquiry about how that choice would be made, the chair indicated he intended to conduct a rising vote on each option, and whichever option had a plurality would be chosen to compete against the main motion.

Robert Imhoff (CA) moved to suspend the rules to establish that ranked choice voting would be used to choose between the various minority report alternatives. The motion failed by a voice vote.

Richard Longstreth (CO) moved to suspend the rules such that the committee proposal is presented and voted on first, then if the committee proposal fails, there would be debate between the minority reports to choose the winning minority report, and then the convention would choose between minority and majority report. The motion was ruled adopted by a voice vote. Division was demanded, and the motion was again ruled adopted by a rising vote.

(SECRETARY’S NOTE: Mr. Longstreth initially misspoke his intentions, saying he wanted a choice between minority reports before voting on the committee report. He then re-stated his intention as noted above. This reversal of wording likely led to the confusion below about exactly what process had been approved.)

Pat Dixon (TX) moved to suspend the rules such that we would use approval voting to choose between multiple minority reports. The motion was ruled failed by a rising vote, so Mr. Sarwark indicated that a plurality would choose between minority reports.

Aaron Starr (CA) raised a point of order that our parliamentary authority does not permit choosing an option by plurality vote, but it requires a majority vote. The chair ruled that plurality voting is in order. Mr. Starr appealed the ruling of the chair. Mr. Sarwark referenced Convention Rule 5.4.b which describes how to choose between two reports and provides that the outcome is determined by, “the report receiving the greater number of votes”, and he understood that to be a plurality vote. A voice vote sustained the ruling of the chair.

Robert Imhoff (CA) moved to suspend the rules and change the presentation order of platform proposals such that all proposals with multiple minority reports would be taken up at the end of the presentation order. The motion failed by a voice vote.

## AMEND CURRENT PLANK 3.4 “FREE TRADE AND MIGRATION”

On behalf of the Platform Committee, Ms. Harlos moved to amend the platform as follows:

### **3.4 Free Trade and Migration**

We support the removal of governmental impediments to free trade. Political freedom and escape from tyranny demand that individuals not be unreasonably constrained by government in the crossing of political boundaries. Economic freedom demands the unrestricted movement of human as well as financial capital across national

borders. ~~However, we support control over the entry into our country of foreign nationals who pose a credible threat to security, health or property.~~

Mr. Sarwark yielded the gavel to Vice-Chair Arvin Vohra.

Mr. Vohra recognized Aaron Starr to present the first minority report as follows:

### **3.4 Free Trade and Migration**

We support the removal of governmental impediments to free trade. Political freedom and escape from tyranny demand that individuals not be unreasonably constrained by government in the crossing of political boundaries. Economic freedom demands the unrestricted movement of human as well as financial capital across national borders. However, we support control over the entry into our country of individual foreign nationals who pose a credible threat to security, health or property.

Mr. Vohra recognized Steve Scheetz to present the second minority report as follows:

### **3.4 Free Trade and Migration**

We support the removal of governmental impediments to free trade which infringe upon any individual's inherent right to peacefully trade with willing partners under mutually agreeable conditions. Therefore, we oppose all tariffs and quotas and call for the removal of government interference in trade that is not limited to the protection of the rights to life and property.

### **3.5 Immigration**

~~Political freedom and escape from tyranny demand that individuals not be unreasonably constrained by government in the crossing of political boundaries. Economic freedom demands the unrestricted movement of human as well as financial capital across national borders. However, we support control over the entry into our country of foreign nationals who pose a credible threat to security, health or property.~~

We welcome all peaceful immigrants and refugees, whether political or economic, to our country and condemn any efforts of U.S. officials to create regulatory or physical "walls" which deny them the fundamental right to offer their labor to willing partners and to move about unmolested.

We therefore call for the elimination of all restrictions on peaceful immigration, the abolition of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Border Patrol, and Customs and Border Protection, and strongly support a declaration of full amnesty for all people who have entered the country illegally.

Mr. Vohra indicated debate was now in order to choose between the minority reports.

Richard Longstreth (CO) raised a point of order that his earlier suspension-of-the-rules motion was to first vote on the committee proposal and only consider minority reports if the committee report was not adopted. Mr. Vohra initially ruled the point well taken, then reversed and indicated we would continue with debate between the minority reports.

A delegate questioned whether the second minority report was germane. Mr. Vohra ruled it to be germane.

Mr. Longstreth again raised the point of order that this process was not consistent with the earlier suspension of the rules. The convention consulted the Secretary's recorded wording of the Longstreth suspension motion,

and Mr. Vohra reversed his ruling to indicate we would now proceed to a debate on the committee proposal without first considering minority reports.

A delegate raised a point of order that the Longstreth suspension-of-the-rules motion did not provide for a period of debate on the committee report prior to the first vote, thus we should proceed directly to a vote on the committee report. Nicholas Sarwark (AZ) raised a point of order that since there is only one minority report (under the belief that the second minority report had been ruled to be not germane), we should be following the standard provisions of Convention Rule 5.4. Mr. Vohra noted the second minority report had been ruled to be germane, thus there is more than one minority report, thus the point of order was not well taken.

Mr. Vohra reviewed the Longstreth motion and ruled that it does not permit a debate period on the committee report prior to the first vote.

Nicholas Sarwark (AZ) raised a point of order that we have to choose between the minority reports before proceeding to a vote. After reviewing the Longstreth motion again, Mr. Vohra ruled that we would proceed without debate to a vote on the committee report.

A delegate appealed the ruling of the chair regarding whether debate is permitted on the committee report prior to the vote. Following debate on the appeal, Mr. Vohra reversed his ruling and opened 5 minutes of debate on the committee proposal.

Following debate, the committee proposal was ruled adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

## SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

John Phillips (IL) moved to change the presentation order of platform proposals such that all proposals with multiple minority reports would be taken up at the end of the presentation order. Mr. Sarwark ruled the motion to be out of order since an identical motion had failed earlier.

## AMEND CURRENT PLANK 1.6 “PARENTAL RIGHTS”

On behalf of the Platform Committee, Ms. Harlos moved to amend the platform as follows:

### 1.6 Parental Rights

Parents, or other guardians, have the right to raise their children according to their own standards and beliefs, provided that the rights of children to be free from abuse and neglect are also protected. ~~This statement shall not be construed to condone child abuse or neglect.~~

Following debate, the motion was adopted by a rising vote.

## SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Heide Alejandro-Smith (TX) moved to suspend the rules to immediately consider proposal G (titled “Add New Plank ‘Sex Work’ to Section 2 before Current Plank 2.8”). A voice vote on the suspension was inconclusive. It was ruled failed by a rising vote.

## ADD NEW PLANK “LICENSING” TO SECTION 2 AFTER CURRENT PLANK 2.7

On behalf of the Platform Committee, Ms. Harlos moved to amend the platform as follows:

## **2.X Licensing**

Libertarians support the right of every person to earn an honest and peaceful living through the free and voluntary exchange of goods and services. Accordingly, we oppose occupational and other licensing laws that infringe on this right or treat it as a state-granted privilege. We encourage certifications by voluntary associations of professionals.

The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

## **AMEND AND SPLIT CURRENT PLANK 2.4 “GOVERNMENT FINANCE AND SPENDING”**

On behalf of the Platform Committee, Ms. Harlos moved to amend the platform as follows:

### **2.4 Government Finance and Spending**

All persons are entitled to keep the fruits of their labor. We call for the repeal of the income tax, the abolishment of the Internal Revenue Service and all federal programs and services not required under the U.S. Constitution. We oppose any legal requirements forcing employers to serve as tax collectors. We support any initiative to reduce or abolish any tax, and oppose any increase on any taxes for any reason. To the extent possible, we advocate that all public services be funded in a voluntary manner.

### **2.5 Government Debt**

Government should not incur debt, which burdens future generations without their consent. We support the passage of a “Balanced Budget Amendment” to the U.S. Constitution, provided that the budget is balanced exclusively by cutting expenditures, and not by raising taxes.

Mr. Sarwark recognized Aaron Starr to present the first minority report, as follows:

### **2.4 Government Finance and Spending**

All persons are entitled to keep the fruits of their labor. We call for the repeal of the income tax, the abolishment of the Internal Revenue Service and all federal programs and services not required under the U.S. Constitution. We oppose any legal requirements forcing employers to serve as tax collectors. We support legislation that reduces overall tax burdens. To the extent possible, we advocate that all public services be funded in a voluntary manner.

### **2.5 Government Debt**

Government should not incur debt, which burdens future generations without their consent. We support the passage of a “Balanced Budget Amendment” to the U.S. Constitution, provided that the budget is balanced exclusively by cutting expenditures, and not by raising taxes.

Mr. Sarwark recognized Darryl Perry to present the second minority report, as follows:

## 2.4 Government Finance and Spending

All persons are entitled to keep the fruits of their labor. We call for the repeal of the income tax, the abolishment of the Internal Revenue Service and all federal programs and services not required under the U.S. Constitution. We oppose any legal requirements forcing employers to serve as tax collectors. We support any initiative to reduce or abolish any tax, and oppose any increase on any taxes for any reason. To the extent possible, we advocate that all public services be funded in a voluntary manner.

## 2.5 Government Debt

~~Government should not incur debt, which burdens future generations without their consent. We support the passage of a "Balanced Budget Amendment" to the U.S. Constitution, provided that the budget is balanced exclusively by cutting expenditures, and not by raising taxes. No person can rightly enter into a contract on behalf of another person without their consent. When governments accrue debt, they are in essence entering into debt on behalf of their constituents and the children of their constituents. We oppose governments entering into debt obligations on behalf of its constituents and their children for decades to come.~~

Mr. Sarwark recognized Steve Scheetz to present the third minority report, as follows:

## 2.4 Government Finance and Spending

All persons are entitled to keep the fruits of their labor and no one should be forced to sacrifice themselves, their resources, or their property for the benefit of others. Since taxation is the appropriation of the resources of others without their individual consent (i.e., theft), we ~~We~~ call for ~~the~~ repeal of the income tax, ~~the abolishment~~ abolition of the Internal Revenue Service ~~and all federal programs and services not required under the U.S. Constitution.~~, and eventual repeal of all coercive financing of government operations and programs. We oppose any legal requirements forcing employers and businesses to serve as tax collectors. We advocate that all public services be funded in a voluntary manner and encourage mutual-aid charitable solutions to assist those in need.

## 2.5 Government Debt

Government should not incur debt, which burdens future generations without their consent. We support the passage of a "Balanced Budget Amendment" to the U.S. Constitution, provided that the budget is balanced exclusively by cutting expenditures, and not by raising taxes.

Per the Longstreth suspension, debate was opened for the committee proposal. Following debate, the committee proposal was ruled adopted by a rising vote.

## SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Aaron Starr (CA) moved to suspend the rules for a bylaw amendment which would prevent committee members who had voted for a committee proposal from then also signing onto a minority report. The suspension failed by a voice vote.

## AMEND CURRENT PLANK 3.2 "INTERNAL SECURITY AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS"

On behalf of the Platform Committee, Ms. Harlos moved to amend the platform as follows:



### 3.2 Internal Security and Individual Rights

The defense of the country requires that we have adequate intelligence to detect and to counter threats to domestic security. This requirement must not take priority over maintaining the civil liberties of our citizens. The Constitution and Bill of Rights shall not be suspended even during time of war. Intelligence agencies that legitimately seek to preserve the security of the nation must be subject to oversight and transparency. We oppose the government's use of secret classifications to keep from the public information that it should have, especially that which shows that the government has violated the law. [We oppose the use of torture and other cruel and unusual punishments, without exception.](#)

Following debate, the motion was adopted by a rising vote.

### **CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR DEBATE QUALIFICATION TOKENS**

The Convention Oversight Committee had established that the top-5 chair or vice-chair candidates who by 3:00 p.m. had received a number of debate qualification tokens equal to 5% of the credentialed delegates as of the Sunday afternoon credentials update would be eligible to participate in the debates on Sunday evening. Based on the Credentials Committee report of 770 registered delegates, candidates needed to receive 39 tokens to qualify for debate participation.

The token submission having ended at 3:00 p.m., at 5:03 p.m., the token results for LNC Chair were announced as follows:

<b>Chair Candidate</b>	<b>Token Count</b>
Nicholas Sarwark	252
Joshua Smith	188
Christopher Thrasher	87
Matt Kuehnel	50
Matt Schutter	8
Ben Leder	4
Larry Sharpe	3
Tom Mahon	3
Steve Scheetz	2
Matt Murphy	1
Valerie Sarwark	1
Jesse Fullington	1
Craig Bowden	1

The candidates receiving at least 39 tokens to qualify for the debate were: Nicholas Sarwark, Joshua Smith, Christopher Thrasher, and Matt Kuehnel.

The token results for LNC Vice-Chair were announced as follows:

<b>Vice-Chair Candidate</b>	<b>Token Count</b>
Alex Merced	203
Sam Goldstein	99
Joe Hauptmann	78
Arvin Vohra	69
Steve Scheetz	61
James Weeks	51
Donald Henry	2

None of the Above (NOTA)	2
Geoff Neale	1
Jim Lark	1

The top-5 candidates receiving at least 39 tokens to qualify for the debate were: Alex Merced, Sam Goldstein, Joe Hauptmann, Arvin Vohra, and Steve Scheetz.

Arvin Vohra (PA) moved to suspend the rules and amend the vice-chair debate rules to allow the top-6 candidates to participate. The motion failed by a rising vote.

Following announcements, the convention adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

## *DAY 2 – CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE UPDATE*

The convention was called back to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 2, 2018.

Ms. Hogarth presented an update from the Credentials Committee, with registration totals being 799 delegates and 21 alternates who are entitled to cast 806 votes. Quorum is 323.

Ms. Hogarth reported the following requests from affiliates for additions to their delegate lists:

Jessica Belle – OK delegate  
Phillip Cornell – FL delegate  
Beth Kuehnberger – VA delegate  
Hera Kuehnberger – VA delegate  
Brett Roblez – FL delegate  
Kim Schjang – OK delegate  
Susan Stanley – FL delegate

Ms. Hogarth moved to approve the additions.

Aaron Starr (CA) raised a point of order that he didn't believe a quorum was present. Mr. Sarwark ruled that a quorum was present.

There was no objection to approving the additions reported by Ms. Hogarth.

## *PLATFORM COMMITTEE REPORT (CONTINUED)*

### AMEND PREAMBLE

On behalf of the Platform Committee, Ms. Harlos moved to amend the platform as follows:

#### **Preamble**

As Libertarians, we seek a world of liberty; a world in which all individuals are sovereign over their own lives and ~~no one is~~ are not forced to sacrifice ~~his or her~~ their values for the benefit of others.

We believe that respect for individual rights is the essential precondition for a free and prosperous world, that force and fraud must be banished from human relationships, and that only through freedom can peace and prosperity be realized.

Consequently, we defend each person's right to engage in any activity that is peaceful and honest, and welcome the diversity that freedom brings. The world we seek to build is one where individuals are free to follow their own dreams in their own ways, without interference from government or any authoritarian power.

In the following pages we ~~have~~ set forth our basic principles and enumerated ~~ed~~ various policy stands derived from those principles.

These specific policies are not our goal, however. Our goal is nothing more nor less than a world set free in our lifetime, and it is to this end that we take these stands.

The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

## AMEND CURRENT PLANK 1.0 "PERSONAL LIBERTY"

On behalf of the Platform Committee, Ms. Harlos moved to amend the platform as follows:

### 1.0 Personal Liberty

Individuals should be free to make choices for themselves and must accept responsibility for the consequences of the choices they make. Our support of an individual's right to make choices in life does not mean that we necessarily approve or disapprove of those choices. No individual, group, or government may initiate force against any other individual, group, or government. [Libertarians reject the notion that groups have inherent rights. We support the rights of the smallest minority, the individual.](#)

The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

## AMEND CURRENT PLANK 1.0 "PERSONAL LIBERTY"

On behalf of the Platform Committee, Ms. Harlos moved to amend the platform as follows:

### 1.0 Personal Liberty

Individuals ~~should be~~ [are inherently](#) free to make choices for themselves and must accept responsibility for the consequences of the choices they make. Our support of an individual's right to make choices in life does not mean that we necessarily approve or disapprove of those choices. No individual, group, or government may [rightly](#) initiate force against any other individual, group, or government.

The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

## ADD NEW PLANK "SEX WORK" TO SECTION 2 BEFORE CURRENT PLANK 2.8

On behalf of the Platform Committee, Ms. Harlos moved to amend the platform to insert a new plank before the current plank 2.8 as follows:

### [2.x Sex Work](#)

[We oppose regulations and laws that restrict consenting adults from engaging in sexual activity or regulate the production, use, or sale of sexually explicit material involving consenting adults.](#)

Mr. Sarwark recognized Aaron Starr to present the first minority report as follows:

### **1.7 Crime and Justice**

The prescribed role of government is to protect the rights of every individual including the right to life, liberty and property. Criminal laws should be limited in their application to violations of the rights of others through force or fraud, or to deliberate actions that place others involuntarily at significant risk of harm. Therefore, we favor the repeal of all laws creating “crimes” without victims [where the participants are consenting adults](#), such as [with gambling](#), the use of drugs for medicinal or recreational purposes, [and transactions involving sexual services](#). We support restitution to the victim to the fullest degree possible at the expense of the criminal or the negligent wrongdoer. The constitutional rights of the criminally accused, including due process, a speedy trial, legal counsel, trial by jury, and the legal presumption of innocence until proven guilty, must be preserved. We assert the common-law right of juries to judge not only the facts but also the justice of the law.

### **2.7 Marketplace Freedom**

Libertarians support free markets, [so we oppose regulations and laws that restrict adults from engaging in any transaction absent the use of force or fraud](#). We defend the right of individuals to form corporations, cooperatives and other types of entities based on voluntary association. We oppose all forms of government subsidies and bailouts to business, labor, or any other special interest. Government should not compete with private enterprise.

Mr. Sarwark recognized Darryl Perry to present the second minority report as follows:

### **2.x Sex Work**

[The Libertarian Party supports the decriminalization of prostitution. We assert the right of consenting persons to provide sexual services to clients for compensation, and the right of clients to purchase sexual services from consenting sex workers.](#)

Following debate, the vote on the committee proposal failed by a rising vote. Mr. Sarwark opened 5 minutes of debate to consider the minority reports, after which a rising vote chose the second minority report to become the main motion.

Christopher Gill (OH) moved to suspend the rules and allow consideration of an amendment to strike the word “persons” and instead insert the word “adults”. The suspension was adopted by a voice vote, and the amendment was taken up. Following debate, the Gill amendment was adopted by a rising vote.

Nathan Watts (TX) moved to suspend the rules to extend time for 2 minutes to consider an amendment to add the proposed language to the end of current plank 1.7 (titled “Crime and Justice”) rather than creating a new plank. The suspension failed by a voice vote.

Colin Nicol (LA) moved to suspend the rules to extend time for 5 minutes to consider an amendment to add “or products” behind “services” in both instances. The suspension failed by a voice vote.

The main motion, as amended, was as follows:

## 2.x Sex Work

The Libertarian Party supports the decriminalization of prostitution. We assert the right of consenting adults to provide sexual services to clients for compensation, and the right of clients to purchase sexual services from consenting sex workers.

The main motion, as amended, was adopted by a rising vote.

## AMEND CURRENT PLANK 1.4 “PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS”

On behalf of the Platform Committee, Ms. Harlos moved to amend the platform as follows:

### **1.4 Personal Relationships**

Sexual orientation, preference, gender, or gender identity should have no impact on the government's treatment of individuals, such as in current marriage, child custody, adoption, immigration or military service laws. Government does not have the authority to define, license, or restrict consensual personal relationships, regardless of the number of participants. Consenting adults should be free to choose their own sexual practices and personal relationships.

Mr. Sarwark recognized Mike Seebeck to present a minority report as follows:

### **1.4 Personal Relationships**

Sexual orientation, preference, gender, or gender identity should have no impact on the government's treatment of individuals, such as in current marriage, child custody, adoption, immigration or military service laws. Government does not have the authority to define, promote, license, or restrict consensual personal relationships, regardless of the number of participants. Consenting adults should be free to choose their own sexual practices and personal relationships. Until such time as the government stops its illegitimate practice of marriage licensing, such licenses must be granted to all consenting adults who apply.

Following debate, a rising vote chose to consider the minority report as the main motion. Following debate, the minority report as the main motion was adopted by a rising vote.

## AMEND CURRENT PLANK 1.7 “CRIME AND JUSTICE”

On behalf of the Platform Committee, Ms. Harlos moved to amend the platform as follows:

### **1.7 Crime and Justice**

Libertarians believe that government force must be limited to the protection of the rights of individuals to life, liberty, and property, and governments must never be permitted to violate these rights. ~~The prescribed role of government is to protect the rights of every individual including the right to life, liberty and property. Criminal~~ Laws should be limited in their application to violations of the rights of others through force or fraud, or to deliberate actions that place others involuntarily at significant risk of harm. Therefore, we favor the repeal of all laws creating “crimes” without victims, such as gambling, the use of drugs for medicinal or recreational purposes, and consensual transactions involving sexual services. We support restitution to the victim to the fullest degree possible at the expense of the criminal or the negligent wrongdoer. The constitutional rights of the

criminally accused, including due process, a speedy trial, legal counsel, trial by jury, and the legal presumption of innocence until proven guilty, must be preserved. We assert the common-law right of juries to judge not only the facts but also the justice of the law [and oppose the prosecutorial practice of “over-charging” in criminal prosecutions so as to avoid jury trials by intimidating defendants into accepting plea bargains.](#)

Mr. Sarwark recognized Aaron Starr to present a minority report as follows:

### **1.7 Crime and Justice**

[Libertarians believe that government force must be limited to the protection of the rights of individuals to life, liberty, and property, and governments must never be permitted to violate these rights.](#) ~~The prescribed role of government is to protect the rights of every individual including the right to life, liberty and property.~~ Criminal laws should be limited in their application to violations of the rights of others through force or fraud, or to deliberate actions that place others involuntarily at significant risk of harm. Therefore, we favor the repeal of all laws creating “crimes” without victims [where the participants are consenting adults](#), such as [gambling](#), the use of drugs for medicinal or recreational purposes, [and consensual transactions involving sexual services](#). We support restitution to the victim to the fullest degree possible at the expense of the criminal or the negligent wrongdoer. The constitutional rights of the criminally accused, including due process, a speedy trial, legal counsel, trial by jury, and the legal presumption of innocence until proven guilty, must be preserved. We assert the common-law right of juries to judge not only the facts but also the justice of the law.

Following debate, a rising vote chose to retain the committee proposal as the main motion. A delegate called for division. The rising vote was repeated, and the committee proposal was again ruled to be retained as the main motion.

Following debate, a rising vote on the committee proposal as the main motion was inconclusive. The rising vote was repeated, and the motion was ruled failed.

Per Convention Rule 4, the committee proposal was opened for amendments.

Aaron Starr (CA) moved to amend to retain the word “Criminal”, and in the final sentence to insert a period after “justice of the law”, and to replace the next word “and” with “We”.

Caryn Ann Harlos (CO) moved to divide the question to separately take up retaining the word “Criminal”, and separately take up the amendments to the final sentence.

The convention first took up the question on retaining the word “Criminal”. Following debate, the motion failed by a voice vote.

The convention took up the second portion of the question, in the final sentence to insert a period after “justice of the law”, and to replace the next word “and” with “We”.

Following debate, the amendment was adopted by a voice vote.

Fred Coulter (FL) moved to strike the first three words, “Libertarians believe that”. Following debate, the amendment was adopted by a voice vote.

June Genis (TX) moved to add the phrase “between adults” after the phrase “consensual transactions”. Following debate, a voice vote on the amendment was inconclusive. The first rising vote was inconclusive. It was ruled failed by a second rising vote.

The main motion as amended was as follows:

## 1.7 Crime and Justice

Government force must be limited to the protection of the rights of individuals to life, liberty, and property, and governments must never be permitted to violate these rights. ~~The prescribed role of government is to protect the rights of every individual including the right to life, liberty and property.~~ Criminal laws should be limited in their application to violations of the rights of others through force or fraud, or to deliberate actions that place others involuntarily at significant risk of harm. Therefore, we favor the repeal of all laws creating “crimes” without victims, such as gambling, the use of drugs for medicinal or recreational purposes, and consensual transactions involving sexual services. We support restitution to the victim to the fullest degree possible at the expense of the criminal or the negligent wrongdoer. The constitutional rights of the criminally accused, including due process, a speedy trial, legal counsel, trial by jury, and the legal presumption of innocence until proven guilty, must be preserved. We assert the common-law right of juries to judge not only the facts but also the justice of the law. We oppose the prosecutorial practice of “over-charging” in criminal prosecutions so as to avoid jury trials by intimidating defendants into accepting plea bargains.

The main motion as amended was adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. Sarwark yielded the gavel to Arvin Vohra.

Nicholas Sarwark (AZ) moved to suspend the rules to take up proposal L (titled “Amend Current Plank 2.6 ‘Money and Financial Markets’”). The suspension was adopted by a rising vote.

## AMEND CURRENT PLANK 2.6 “MONEY AND FINANCIAL MARKETS”

On behalf of the Platform Committee, Ms. Harlos moved to amend the platform as follows:

### 2.6 Money and Financial Markets

We favor free-market banking, with unrestricted competition among banks and depository institutions of all types. Markets are not actually free unless fraud is vigorously combated. Those who enjoy the possibility of profits must not impose risks of losses upon others, such as through government guarantees or bailouts. We support ending federal student loan guarantees and special treatment of student loan debt in bankruptcy proceedings. Individuals engaged in voluntary exchange should be free to use as money any mutually agreeable commodity or item. We support a halt to inflationary monetary policies and unconstitutional legal tender laws.

Mr. Vohra recognized Aaron Starr to present a minority report as follows:

### 2.6 Money and Financial Markets

We favor free-market banking, with unrestricted competition among banks and depository institutions of all types. Markets are not actually free unless fraud is vigorously combated. ~~Those who enjoy the possibility of profits must not impose risks of losses upon others, such as through government guarantees or bailouts.~~ Individuals engaged in voluntary exchange should be free to use as money any mutually agreeable commodity or item. We support a halt to inflationary monetary policies and unconstitutional legal tender laws.

### 2.7 Marketplace Freedom

Libertarians support free markets. We defend the right of individuals to form corporations, cooperatives and other types of entities based on voluntary association. [Those who enjoy the possibility of profits must not impose risks of losses upon others. Accordingly, we](#) ~~We~~ oppose all forms of government subsidies and bailouts to business, labor, or any other special interest, [including loan guarantees such as with student loans, SBA loans, USDA loans and FHA loans](#). Government should not compete with private enterprise.

Following debate, Mr. Vohra ruled that a rising vote chose to retain the committee proposal as the main motion. On request, the rising vote was repeated and again it was ruled that the committee proposal would remain as the main motion. A delegate requested a counted vote, and Mr. Vohra ruled it to be dilatory.

Aaron Starr (CA) raised a point of order that our rules say if 20 or more delegates object to the chair's ruling on the outcome of a rising vote, a counted vote will be held.

Nicholas Sarwark (CO) raised a point of order that the counted vote had been ruled as dilatory, therefore it was first necessary to have a majority vote overturn the chair's ruling that it was dilatory before 20 people could demand a counted vote.

Aaron Starr (CA) reiterated his point of order that our rules only require 20 people to demand a counted vote, and he requested that the rule be read.

Dean Ahmad (MD) appealed the ruling of the chair that the request was dilatory, noting that Mr. Vohra had specifically indicated he thought the vote was close, so it wasn't fair to say a request for a counted vote was dilatory.

John Wilford (TX) raised a point of order that our convention special rule of order permitting 20 people to demand a counted vote can't be superseded by the Robert's Rules majority vote requirement to overturn a chair's ruling.

After consulting the parliamentarian, Mr. Vohra reversed his ruling that the request was dilatory, and more than 20 people rose to call for a counted vote. A counted vote found 259 in favor of the committee proposal and 202 in favor of the minority report.

At 11:05 a.m. George Phillies (MA) called for orders of the day. Mr. Vohra ruled that the orders of the day were to complete the pending questions.

Bonnie Scot (NH) moved to suspend the rules for 2 minutes to consider an amendment to insert the final sentence of committee's printed rationale ("If government guarantees were ended, and this debt treated no differently than any other consumer debt, prices would fall more in line with what can be sustainably borne by students.") to the pending motion immediately following the other inserted text. The suspension failed by a rising vote.

With the committee proposal as the main motion, Matt DiGiallonardo (CO) moved to postpone indefinitely. Nicholas Sarwark (CO) raised a point of order that time has expired, thus it's out of order to move to postpone indefinitely. Mr. Vohra ruled the postponement motion to be out of order.

The committee proposal as the main motion was adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

## SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Scotty Boman (MI) moved to suspend the rules to consider a platform proposal regarding children's rights to file for divorce. The suspension failed on a voice vote.



Steve Scheetz (PA) moved to suspend the rules for 2 minutes to consider a resolution from Matthew Long. The suspension failed by a voice vote.

## **AWARDS COMMITTEE PRESENTATION**

Dr. Lark, as chair of the Awards Committee, again introduced his fellow committee members and described the awards.

On behalf of the Awards Committee, Daniel Hayes presented the Benjamin Franklin Candidate Award to Jeff Hewitt. Mr. Hewitt accepted the award.

On behalf of the Awards Committee, Tim Hagan presented the Patrick Henry Candidate Award to Mark Miller. Lauren Daugherty accepted on behalf of Mr. Miller.

On behalf of the Awards Committee, Jennifer 'Hap' Werther presented the Thomas Paine Communication Award to Carla Howell. Ms. Howell was not present to accept the award.

On behalf of the Awards Committee, Keith Laube presented the Samuel Adams Activism Award to both Joe Johnson and Alicia Mattson. Each accepted the award.

On behalf of the Awards Committee, Jim Lark presented the Thomas Jefferson Leadership Award to Julie Fox. Ms. Fox accepted the award.

## **MULTIPLE SUSPENSIONS OF THE RULES**

Without objection, Andrew Moore, as winner of the Lorenzo Gaztenaga Scholarship, was recognized to read his winning essay.

At 11:30 a.m., Pat Dixon (TX) moved to recess for lunch. Announcements were permitted, and the motion to recess was mistakenly not taken up before other motions were permitted.

A delegate moved to suspend the rules to consider a resolution from Matthew Long. No vote was taken.

Caryn Ann Harlos (CO) moved to suspend the rules to take up another proposal from the Platform Committee, and the motion was ruled adopted by a voice vote.

Pat Dixon (TX) raised a point of order that the chair had not put his motion for a lunch recess to a vote.

Another delegate raised a point of order that there had also been a motion to hear a resolution, and that motion was also not put to a vote. The delegate again moved to suspend the rules for 2 minutes to immediately consider a resolution directing the LNC to create a Youth Outreach Committee. The suspension was adopted by a voice vote.

## **YOUTH OUTREACH COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Matthew Long (CT) moved to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, this convention seeks to recognize and promote young libertarian activists;

Resolved, the convention instructs the Libertarian National Committee ("LNC") to create a Youth Engagement Committee ("The Committee");

Resolved, The Committee shall consist of five (5) members, of which;

- At least one shall be on the LNC,
- At least two shall be under the age of twenty-seven, and at least one shall be a current college student;

Resolved, the LNC shall appoint the members of The Committee;

Resolved, The Committee shall elect from its members a chair;

Resolved, The Committee shall make recommendations to the LNC on conducting outreach to younger voters and education such on what the party stands for; and

Resolved, this resolution shall take effect after the first meeting of the LNC.

The resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

David Stewart (OK) raised a point of order that Pat Dixon's prior motion to recess was privileged, and it should have been put to a vote. Mr. Stewart moved to recess for lunch, rather than taking up a platform plank. The motion failed by a voice vote.

## ***PLATFORM COMMITTEE REPORT (CONTINUED)***

### **AMEND PLANK 1.2 "EXPRESSION AND COMMUNICATION"**

On behalf of the Platform Committee, Andy Craig moved to amend the platform as follows:

#### **1.2 Expression and Communication**

~~We support full freedom of expression and oppose government censorship, regulation or control of communications media and technology. We favor the freedom to engage in or abstain from any religious activities that do not violate the rights of others. We oppose government actions which either aid or attack any religion.~~

Libertarians oppose any law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Mr. Sarwark recognized Caryn Ann Harlos to present a minority report as follows:

#### **1.2 Expression and Communication**

We support full freedom of expression and oppose government censorship, regulation or control of communications media and technology. We favor the freedom to engage in or abstain from any religious activities that do not violate the rights of others. We oppose government actions which either aid or attack any religion. Absent any other actionable factor that would infringe upon inherent individual rights, the fact that some speech may be considered offensive is not grounds for legal action. If "hate speech" is not free speech, there is no truly free speech. Freedom means that others may say things that we abhor.

Following debate, a rising vote chose to make the minority report the main motion. Debate was opened on the minority proposal as the main motion. Following debate, the minority report as the main motion failed by a rising vote.

At 12:00 noon, the convention adjourned for lunch, and was called back to order by Arvin Vohra at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2018.

## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Ms. Hogarth presented an update from the Credentials Committee, with registration totals being 808 delegates and 21 alternates who are entitled to cast 813 votes. Quorum is 326.

Ms. Hogarth reported the following requested additions to state delegate lists:

Christina Coulter – CT delegate  
Gaetano Taibi – CA delegate

Ms. Hogarth moved to approve the additions. There was no objection.

Several times it was requested that the delegates lower the noise levels in the hall.

## **LNC OFFICER ELECTIONS**

### **LNC CHAIR NOMINATIONS**

Floor nominations were opened for the office of LNC Chair.

Dan Reale (CT) nominated Christopher Thrasher.  
Daryl Perry (NH) nominated NOTA.  
John Keil (CO) nominated himself.  
Michael Heise (PA) nominated Joshua Smith.  
Brian Ellison (MI) nominated Matthew Kuehnel.  
Chris Wiest (KY) nominated Nicholas Sarwark.  
James Weeks (PA) nominated Matthew Schutter.  
Dan Behrman (TX) nominated Clayton Hunt, but Mr. Hunt declined.  
Clayton Hunt (TX) nominated Daniel Behrman.

John Wilford (TX) moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of reducing the speaking time from 10 minutes to 5 minutes per candidate. The motion was adopted by a rising vote.

Tom Arnold (TN) moved to suspend the rules to increase the speaking time for the offices of LNC Secretary and LNC Treasurer from 5 minutes to 10 minutes per candidate. The motion failed by a rising vote.

Confusion arose regarding whether the adopted Wilford motion was intended to suspend the rules first and then separately consider the speaking time reduction motion, or whether it was to suspend the rules and adopt the speaking time reduction in a single vote. John Wilford (TX) moved to reduce the time for nominating speeches from 10 minutes to 5 minutes per candidate. Mr. Vohra ruled that the delegates had already adopted that motion.

Siobhán Lynch (MA) appealed the ruling of the chair that the motion was to both suspend the rules and approve the change in a single vote. Following debate, the motion to sustain the chair's ruling failed on a rising vote, effectively finding that the suspension and time reduction were to be handled with separate votes.

The convention took up the Wilford motion to reduce the speaking times. Following debate, Mr. Vohra ruled the motion failed to achieve 2/3 on a rising vote.

John Wilford (TX) raised a point of order that the earlier motion to suspend the rules required a 2/3 vote, but the motion to shorten the speaking times should only require a majority vote. Mr. Vohra ruled the point of order well taken, and ruled that the rising vote had achieved a majority vote to shorten the speaking times to 5 minutes.

Nicholas Sarwark (AZ) raised a point of order that the regular convention rules provide the speaking times, thus it requires a 2/3 vote to suspend that provision. Mr. Vohra ruled the point of order well taken, and that the motion had not achieved 2/3, thus the speaking time would be 10 minutes per candidate.

Anastasia Wilford (TX) raised a point of order that on the original vote, which the chair had ruled was both a suspension and the time change, the chair had ruled it had achieved a 2/3 vote. That was allowed to be overturned with a majority vote to separate the questions, and now the time change should only require a majority vote. Mr. Vohra ruled that the change to the speaking time requires a 2/3 vote, which it did not achieve.

Speaking order for the LNC Chair candidates was randomized with the Secretary's 20-sided die, and nomination speeches began as follows:

Nominee	Nomination Speakers
Matt Kuehnel	Brian Ellison (MI), Matt Kuehnel
Dan Behrman	Dan Behrman
John Keil	John Keil
Matt Schutter	Matt Schutter
Christopher Thrasher	Christopher Thrasher

Darryl Perry (NH) moved to suspend the rules to allow Justin O'Donnell to speak on behalf of NOTA. The suspension failed by a rising vote. Nomination speeches continued, as follows;

Nominee	Nomination Speakers
Joshua Smith	Marcos Miralles (FL), Larry Sharpe (NY), Joshua Smith

Darryl Perry (NH) raised a point of order that NOTA had been formally nominated from the floor, and Convention Rule 8.3 permits speaking time for each candidate, therefore someone should be permitted time to speak for NOTA. Mr. Vohra ruled that because NOTA is not an actual person who can choose a representative speaker, but is rather an option on the ballot, it requires a suspension of the rules to designate someone to speak on behalf of NOTA. Starchild (CA) appealed the ruling of the chair.

Nicholas Sarwark (AZ) moved to suspend the rules to allow Justin O'Donnell 10 minutes to speak for NOTA at this time. Vohra ruled the motion to be out of order until after the appeal was decided.

Following debate, a rising vote to sustain the ruling of the chair was inconclusive. After the chair spoke about the effect of a "yes" vote, Aaron Starr (CA) raised a point of order to request clarification of the actual ruling on which we were voting. Nicholas Sarwark (AZ) raised a point of order that Mr. Starr's request was dilatory. Mr. Vohra explained his ruling and the effect of "yes" and "no" votes. Nicholas Sarwark (AZ) raised a point of order that the chair's explanation was incorrect. The motion to sustain the ruling of the chair failed by a rising vote, finding that a suspension of the rules was not required to permit someone to speak to the nomination of NOTA. Nomination speeches continued, as follows:

Nominee	Nomination Speakers
NOTA	Justin O'Donnell
Nicholas Sarwark	Tom Mahon (NM), Ruth Bennett (AZ), Jeff Hewitt (CA), Valerie Sarwark (CO), Nicholas Sarwark

Ballots for LNC Chair were distributed at 3:06 p.m.

## LNC VICE-CHAIR FLOOR NOMINATIONS

Nicholas Sarwark resumed the gavel and proposed that during balloting for LNC Chair, we accept floor nominations for LNC Vice-Chair, then hear the keynote address from Amaryllis Fox, and then proceed with nomination speeches for LNC Vice-Chair. There was no objection.

Nominations were opened for LNC Vice-Chair.

Max Abramson (ME) nominated himself.

Darryl Perry (NH) raised point of order that Bylaw Article 7.4 sets an eligibility requirement that National Committee members, "shall not be the candidate of any party except the Party or an affiliate." Mr. Perry indicated that he believed Mr. Abramson to be ineligible since he is a Republican candidate for State Representative. Mr. Sarwark ruled that the point of order may be well taken, subject to further verification.

Steve Dasbach (VA) nominated Joe Hauptmann.

Eric Mulder (CO) nominated James Weeks.

Zachary Taylor (NE) nominated Steve Scheetz.

Derrick Ryan (FL) nominated Zach Detwiler (see below for his subsequent withdrawal).

Dustin Nanna (OH) nominated Sam Goldstein.

Chelsey Snyder (MD) nominated Arvin Vohra.

Joshua Eakle (TN) nominated Alex Merced.

Jeff Lyons (MA) nominated Justin O'Donnell (see below for his subsequent withdrawal).

A delegate nominated Vinny Marshall. Mr. Marshall was not present, and absent confirmation that he would accept the nomination, Mr. Sarwark ruled that he was not nominated.

Spencer Kellog (NM) nominated Matthew Geiger.

Throughout this process, Mr. Sarwark repeatedly called for order and lower noise levels in the convention hall.

Nominations for LNC Vice-Chair were closed.

Chelsey Snyder (MD) raised a point of order that she doesn't believe Matthew Geiger is eligible since he is 17 years old and cannot yet register to vote. Mr. Sarwark ruled that there is no eligibility requirement to be a registered voter or be over a certain age, thus it is in order.

After researching the candidate status of Max Abramson, Mr. Sarwark reviewed Bylaw Article 7.4 and ruled that Mr. Abramson is ineligible to be nominated for vice-chair.

Max Abramson (ME) moved to suspend the rules and permit his nomination. Mr. Sarwark ruled the motion to be out of order, as bylaws cannot be suspended.

## KEYNOTE

Amaryllis Fox gave the keynote address during the tabulation of votes for LNC Chair.

## LNC OFFICER ELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

### LNC TREASURER & SECRETARY FLOOR NOMINATIONS

As tabulation continued in the LNC Chair election, the convention opened floor nominations for LNC Treasurer.

Richard Longstreth (CO) nominated Tim Hagan.

Drew Layda (OR) nominated himself.

Nominations were closed for LNC Treasurer (but see below).

Nominations were opened for LNC Secretary.

Kyle Pierce (OH) nominated Caryn Ann Harlos.  
Omar Recuero (FL) nominated Alicia Mattson.

Dayl Thomas (DE) moved to re-open nominations for LNC Treasurer. There was no objection.

Dayl Thomas (DE) nominated Brad Thomas for LNC Treasurer.  
Jim Fulner (MI) nominated Robert Paulson for LNC Treasurer.

Nominations for LNC Treasurer were again closed.

Matt Keuhnel (MI) nominated Jeff Wood for LNC Secretary.

Nominations for LNC Secretary were closed.

## LNC VICE-CHAIR RACE UPDATES

Aaron Starr (CA) requested confirmation that each of the nominated candidates is eligible for election. The chair requested that any ineligible candidate self-identify.

Zach Detwiler requested to withdraw his nomination for LNC Vice-Chair and instead speak for NOTA. There was no objection.

## SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Rufus Craig (LA) moved to suspend the rules and resolve that the Federal government should set Randall Lord free from prison for a crime that should not be a crime. There was no objection.

## LNC CHAIR ELECTION RESULTS

Election results for LNC Chair were presented at 4:09 p.m., with a review of state-by-state results prior to displaying the totals as follows:

### LNC Chair – Ballot 1

Candidate	Votes	Percent
Nicholas Sarwark	517	65.443%
Joshua Smith	175	22.152%
Christopher Thrasher	46	5.823%
NOTA	33	4.177%
Matthew Kuehnel	13	1.646%
John Keil	4	0.506%
Matthew Schutter	1	0.127%
Arvin Hammer (write-in)	1	0.127%
Daniel Behrman	0	0.000%

See the state-by-state subtotals in the appendices.

Having received a majority of the 790 ballots cast, Nicholas Sarwark was elected as LNC Chair.

## SUSPENSIONS OF THE RULES

A delegate made a motion to suspend the rules for the LNC Vice-Chair election such that any rounds of balloting after the first would drop any candidate not receiving 5% of the vote total. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

Matt Cholko (VA) moved to suspend the rules to reduce the nominating speech time for LNC Vice-Chair candidates from 5 minutes to 3 minutes each. The motion failed by a voice vote.

## LNC VICE-CHAIR NOMINATION SPEECHES

Mr. Sarwark had randomized a speaking order for LNC Vice-Chair candidates with the Secretary's 20-sided die, and the convention took up their nomination speeches as follows:

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nomination Speakers</b>
Justin O'Donnell	Justin O'Donnell (who withdrew from the race)
Joe Hauptmann	Steve Dasbach (VA), Lindsay Horn (IN), Jeff Hewitt (CA), Joe Hauptmann
Steve Scheetz	Joe Vasoli (PA), Zach Taylor (NE), Vicky Rose (MS), Steve Scheetz
Arvin Vohra	Arvin Vohra
Matthew Geiger	a delegate who did not identify himself
Alex Merced	Larry Sharpe (NY), Brian Waddell (NY), Alex Merced
Sam Goldstein	Erin Adams (OK), Daniel Hayes (LA), Sam Goldstein
NOTA	Zachary Detwiler (FL)
James Weeks	Eric Mulder (CO), Jeff Wood (MI), James Weeks

LNC Vice-Chair ballots were distributed at 5:00 p.m.

## SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Darryl Perry (NH) moved to suspend the rules for 2 minutes to consider the resolution, "The Libertarian Party grants honorary life membership to D. Frank Robinson." There was no objection to the suspension of the rules. Following debate, the motion was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

## GUEST SPEAKER

Brandon Phinney (NH) addressed the delegates as LNC Vice-Chair tabulation continued.

## LNC VICE-CHAIR ELECTION RESULTS

Election results for LNC Vice-Chair were presented at 5:45 p.m., with a review of state-by-state results prior to displaying the totals as follows:

### LNC Vice-Chair – Ballot 1

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Alex Merced	260	35.519%
Joe Hauptmann	180	24.590%
Sam Goldstein	119	16.257%
Arvin Vohra	66	9.016%
James Weeks	44	6.011%
Steve Scheetz	43	5.874%
Matthew Geiger	11	1.503%

NOTA	8	1.093%
Geoff Neale (write-in)	1	0.137%

See the state-by-state subtotals in the appendices.

Since no candidate attained a majority of the 732 ballots cast, Mr. Sarwark noted that for the second ballot:

- pursuant to a suspension of the rules adopted earlier, Matthew Geiger would be dropped due to having received less than 5% of the vote, and
- pursuant to Convention Rule 8.1.c, Steve Scheetz would be dropped as the candidate with the fewest votes.

The convention adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

### **DAY 3 – CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Mr. Sarwark called the convention back to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 3, 2018.

Ms. Hogarth presented an update from the Credentials Committee, with registration totals being 770 delegates and 18 alternates who are entitled to cast 778 votes. Quorum is 312.

Ms. Hogarth reported the following requests from affiliates for additions to their delegate lists:

Alisa DeCubellis – NY delegate  
Evan Scritchfield – MO delegate

Ms. Hogarth moved to approve the additions. There was no objection.

### **LNC OFFICER ELECTIONS (CONTINUED)**

The second ballots for LNC Vice-Chair were distributed at 9:04 a.m.

A delegate inquired whether quorum was present. The chair ruled that quorum was present.

### **SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

Tyler Danke (WI) moved to suspend the rules for 2 minutes to consider a resolution endorsing the Convention of States Project. The motion failed by a voice vote.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

R.J. Lyman briefly addressed the delegates as LNC Vice-Chair tabulation continued.

### **LNC SECRETARY NOMINATION SPEECHES**

Mr. Sarwark had randomized a speaking order for LNC Secretary candidates with the Secretary's 20-sided die, and the convention took up their nomination speeches as shown below.

The Chair and Secretary had been informed that the Credentials Committee records did not indicate that Jeff Wood is a sustaining member. Mr. Wood attested that he is a sustaining member, having made a dues payment to staff during the convention.



<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nomination Speakers</b>
Jeff Wood	Matt Keuhnel (MI), Jeff Wood
Alicia Mattson	Jeff Hewitt (CA), Bill Redpath (VA), Alicia Mattson
Caryn Ann Harlos	Susan Hogarth (NC), Mary Ruwart (TX), Caryn Ann Harlos

## GUEST SPEAKER

Judge Jim Gray briefly addressed the delegates as LNC Vice-Chair tabulation continued.

## LNC TREASURER NOMINATION SPEECHES

Mr. Sarwark had randomized a speaking order for LNC Treasurer candidates with the Secretary's 20-sided die, and the convention took up their nomination speeches as follows:

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nomination Speakers</b>
Drew Layda	Sam Goldstein (IN), Michael Heise (PA), Timothy Perkins (OR), Drew Layda
Tim Hagan	Joe Buchman (UT), Jason Smith (NV), Tim Hagan
Brad Thomas	Dayl Thomas (DE), Brad Thomas
Robert Paulson	Clayton Hunt (TX)

## LNC VICE-CHAIR ELECTION RESULTS (2<sup>nd</sup> BALLOT)

Election results for the second ballot of LNC Vice-Chair were presented at 10:06 a.m., with a review of state-by-state results prior to displaying the totals as follows:

### LNC Vice-Chair – Ballot 2

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Alex Merced	251	44.112%
Joe Hauptmann	159	27.944%
Sam Goldstein	80	14.060%
Arvin Vohra	43	7.557%
James Weeks	29	5.097%
NOTA	4	0.703%
Tyler Danke (write-in)	1	0.176%
Hauptstad (write-in)	1	0.176%
Starchild (write-in)	1	0.176%

See the state-by-state subtotals in the appendices.

Since no candidate attained a majority of the 569 ballots cast, Mr. Sarwark noted that pursuant to Convention Rule 8.1.c, James Weeks would be dropped from the third ballot.

Chris Weist (KY) moved to suspend rules to drop the bottom two candidates, rather than only one, for the third LNC Vice-Chair ballot. The motion failed by a rising vote.

Michael Kielsky (AZ) moved to suspend the rules to permit James Weeks to give a 2-minute concession speech. The motion was adopted by a voice vote. Mr. Weeks briefly addressed the delegates.

Justin O'Donnell (NH) moved to also permit Steve Scheetz to speak for 2 minutes. There was no objection. Mr. Scheetz briefly addressed the delegates and endorsed Alex Merced.

## SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Mari Morrell (FL) moved to suspend the rules for 3 minutes to consider a resolution regarding the SITSA Act. There was no objection to suspending the rules. Ms. Morrell moved to adopt the following:

Whereas, the Libertarian Party favors the repeal of all laws creating “crimes” without victims, such as the use of drugs for medicinal or recreational purposes;

Whereas, individuals have the freedom and responsibility to decide what they knowingly and voluntarily consume, and what risks they accept to their own health, finances, safety, or life;

Whereas, the Libertarian Party stands against the gross and negligent overreach of The SITSA Act HB 2851 and its future Senate counterpart;

Be it resolved, that the Libertarian Party will draft and publish a press release in a timely fashion to both educate and warn the public of the dangers of the SITSA Act.

Following debate, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

## ELECTIONS UPDATE

The third ballots for LNC Vice-Chair, combined with the first ballots for LNC Secretary and LNC Treasurer, were distributed at 10:25 a.m.

## GUEST SPEAKER

Mark Tippets, the Libertarian Party candidate for Texas Governor, briefly addressed the delegates.

## SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Zach Foster (CA) moved to suspend the rules for 2 minutes to consider a resolution condemning the Venezuelan regime and declaring our solidarity with the Libertarian Party of Venezuela. The suspension was adopted by a voice vote. Mr. Foster moved to adopt the following:

Whereas, the Libertarian Movement of Venezuela is Venezuela’s Libertarian Party, established in December 2015 to fight for free markets and civil liberties;

Whereas, the Libertarian Movement of Venezuela has increased more than three times its membership since January 2017 despite its members having to sacrifice precious activism hours to find food and medicine for their families;

Whereas, the Venezuelan Libertarian Movement has not cowered down despite over 200 civilian fatalities inflicted against the Venezuelan people by the regime, and members of this party continue flocking to the streets to protest;

Whereas, the Movement officially partnered with two other classical liberal parties so that the “Soy Venezuela” presidential ticket could be formed so that peace, civil liberties, and free markets would be represented on the national ballot;

We would condemn the Maduro regime and the United Socialist Party of Venezuela for the violence visited against their own people and for the economic crisis they’ve started. We declare that we, the Libertarian Party

of the United States, stand in solidarity and support of the Libertarian Movement of Venezuela now, and for the rest of time.

The resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

A delegate moved to suspend the rules to take up the resolutions agenda item until such time as the balloting for the LNC Vice-Chair race is completed. There was no objection, and the convention proceeded to hear resolutions.

Dean Ahmad (MD) moved to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas 37 states and the U.S. Senate have passed or are considering legislative and/or administrative action to infringe upon the rights of Americans to call for boycotts, divestments and sanctions of Israel, we oppose and condemn any action by government at any level that would fine, imprison, or otherwise discriminate against any American for advocating or engaging in boycott of or divestment from any government or for calling for sanctions against any foreign government.

Following debate, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

Ruth Bennett (AZ) moved to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the delegates and attendees thank the Convention Oversight Committee, national office staff, speakers, vendors, and Hyatt Hotel staff for making the 2018 National Libertarian Party 2018 such a success.

Following debate, the resolution was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Mike Shipley moved to adopt the following "New Orleans Accord" resolution:

Whereas people are only able to thrive in an environment in which their sole discretion over their own lives is respected,

Be it resolved that the Libertarian Party welcomes and accepts members from various voluntary economic schools of thought, as long as those members accept the fundamental principle that each individual should be free from involuntary servitude to others.

Kevin Shaw (CA) moved to amend the final words of the Shipley resolution as follows:

...as long as those members accept the ~~fundamental principle that each individual should be free from involuntary servitude to others~~ Non-Aggression Principle.

Following debate, a voice vote on the amendment was inconclusive. A rising vote was also inconclusive. The amendment was ruled adopted on a second rising vote.

A voice vote on the main motion, as amended, was inconclusive. It was ruled failed by a rising vote.

Brian Ellison (MI) moved to adopt the resolution, "Be it resolved, no state is great." Following debate, the motion failed by a rising vote.

Joe Buchman (UT) moved to grant Mr. Bruce Earnheart, a member of the 1971 Committee to Form a Libertarian Party, an honorary lifetime membership in the Libertarian Party. The motion was adopted with a unanimous voice vote.

Greg Stempfle (MI) moved to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved, the Libertarian Party grants an honorary lifetime membership to James Hudler of Michigan, who was one of the founders of the LPM in 1971 and has been active in the party for 47 years.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Elijah Boyd (AL) moved to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, Jefferson Beauregard Sessions is the 84<sup>th</sup> and current Attorney General of the United States and former Senator from Alabama;

Whereas, Jefferson Beauregard Sessions signed an order to revive civil asset forfeiture and allow local law enforcement to ignore state law;

Whereas, Jefferson Beauregard Sessions has stated that people should obey the laws of government because God has ordained them for the purpose of order and support of separating children of illegal immigrants;

Whereas, Jefferson Beauregard Sessions has rescinded domestic and gang violence as qualifiers for asylum seekers;

Whereas, Jefferson Beauregard Sessions supports a constitutional amendment to restrict federal recognition of marriage to only those between a man and a woman;

Whereas, Jefferson Beauregard Sessions, in his words, is a big fan of the DEA;

Whereas, Jefferson Beauregard Sessions has instructed federal prosecutors to seek the death penalty for drug dealers;

Whereas, Jefferson Beauregard Sessions has rescinded Department of Justice policies that avoided harsh mandatory sentences for non-violent drug offenders;

Whereas, Jefferson Beauregard Sessions, as Attorney General, rescinded the Cole Memorandum, a Department of Justice policy to limit interference in states that have legalized marijuana;

Whereas, Jefferson Beauregard Sessions has stated, "Good people don't smoke marijuana";

Whereas, we believe:

- Civil asset forfeiture is an affront to the protections guaranteed to us by the Bill of Rights.
- An appeal to a religious deity cannot be used to justify any law.
- Those under threat of violence from their government and those not afforded adequate protections from their government from violence of others should be considered for asylum protections in the United States of America
- Furthermore, we are not big fans of the DEA. We do not endorse incarceration or death for non-violent crimes. We will not abide unconstitutional federal agitation in states regarding civil asset forfeiture or drug law.
- And finally, we believe good people smoke marijuana.

Be it resolved that we, the delegates to the 2018 national convention, do condemn the U.S. Attorney General, Jefferson Beauregard Sessions, and call for his immediate removal from office.

Dean Ahmad (MD) moved to amend to delete the phrase, “An appeal to a religious deity cannot be used to justify any law.” The amendment failed by a voice vote.

Aaron Starr (CA) moved to amend by striking “We believe good people smoke marijuana” and instead inserting “We believe that people who smoke marijuana are good people.” Following debate, Mr. Starr withdrew the amendment without objection.

Aaron Starr (CA) moved instead to strike the sentence, “And finally, we believe good people smoke marijuana.” Darryl Perry (NH) moved to amend the Starr amendment to retain the sentence but amend it to instead read “Some good people smoke marijuana”.

Robert Imhoff moved to call all pending questions. No vote was conducted on the motion, but the convention proceeded directly to a vote. The Perry amendment to the Starr amendment was adopted by a voice vote, making it the primary amendment. The Perry amendment as the primary amendment was adopted by a voice vote.

Carolyn Wade (OR) wished to offer a motion to amend. Mr. Sarwark ruled the motion to be out of order because all questions had been called. A delegate appealed the ruling of the chair. The chair’s ruling was sustained by a voice vote.

The main motion, as amended, was adopted by a voice vote.

## LNC VICE-CHAIR ELECTION RESULTS (3<sup>rd</sup> BALLOT)

Election results for the third ballot of LNC Vice-Chair were presented at 11:44 a.m., with a review of state-by-state results prior to displaying the totals as follows:

### LNC Vice-Chair – Ballot 3

Candidate	Votes	Percent
Alex Merced	333	50.608%
Joe Hauptmann	193	29.331%
Arvin Vohra	68	10.334%
Sam Goldstein	57	8.663%
NOTA	5	0.760%
Zane Sarwark (ineligible write-in)	2	0.304%

See the state-by-state subtotals in the appendices.

Having received a majority of the 658 ballots cast, Alex Merced was elected as LNC Vice-Chair.

Without objection, Mr. Merced was granted 2 minutes to address the delegates.

## AT-LARGE FLOOR NOMINATIONS

As tabulation on the LNC Secretary and Treasurer races continued, the convention took up nominations for LNC At-Large.

Dustin Nanna (OH) nominated Christopher Thrasher.  
Ethan Bishop-Henchman (CA) nominated Joe Bishop-Henchman.  
Steven Bakka (OH) nominated Joshua Smith.

A delegate nominated Heidi Alejandro-Smith.  
Mark Hinkle (CA) nominated Joe Buchman.

A delegate moved to nominate all candidates who had already been nominated for LNC Secretary or LNC Treasurer. Mr. Sarwark ruled the motion to be out of order for vagueness, lack of consent of the nominees, and a limitation to only nominating one person at a time.

Nominations for LNC At-Large were paused to see the LNC Secretary election results.

## LNC SECRETARY ELECTION RESULTS

Election results for LNC Secretary were presented at 11:54 a.m., with a review of state-by-state results prior to displaying the totals as follows:

### LNC Secretary – Ballot 1

Candidate	Votes	Percent
Caryn Ann Harlos	372	56.621%
Alicia Mattson	235	35.769%
Jeff Wood	38	5.784%
NOTA	12	1.826%

See the state-by-state subtotals in the appendices.

Having received a majority of the 657 ballots cast, Caryn Ann Harlos was elected as LNC Secretary.

Without objection, Ms. Harlos was granted 2 minutes to address the delegates.

Without objection, Ms. Mattson briefly addressed the delegates, indicating that she would accept a nomination for LNC At-Large.

Without objection, Jeff Wood briefly addressed the delegates.

## SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Michael Kielsky (AZ) requested unanimous consent to thank Ms. Mattson for the excellent job she has done as Secretary, the competence she has displayed, and to express great gratitude. The motion was unanimously adopted.

## AT-LARGE FLOOR NOMINATIONS (continued)

Nominations for LNC At-Large continued.

Jim Lark (VA) nominated Bill Redpath.

Timothy Perkins (OR) nominated Michael Pickens.

Mary Ruwart (TX) nominated Chris Spangle (see below for withdrawal of this nomination).

Larry Sharpe (NY) and Hesham El Meligy (NY) nominated Steve Scheetz.

James Weeks (PA) nominated Harambe, but he was ruled to be ineligible.

Michael Kielsky (AZ) nominated Ernest Hancock.

Phil Anderson (WI) nominated Tyler Danke.

Keith Butkovich (MI) nominated NOTA.

Kristen Wichers (OH) and Dustin Nanna (OH) nominated Jesse Fullington.

Tim Yow (MI) nominated Tony D'Orazio.

Roger Roots (MT) nominated Andy Jacobs.

Eric Mulder (CO) nominated Brian Ellison.

Tim Maguire (IN) nominated Sam Goldstein.  
Geoff Neale (NC) nominated both Ben Leder and Mohammad Reza Khosh-Sirat.  
Jeff Lyons (MA) nominated Justin O'Donnell.  
Chelsey Snyder (MD) nominated Arvin Vohra.  
Ted Metz (GA) nominated Brian Slowinski.  
Jen Gray (AZ) nominated Marcos Miralles, but he declined the nomination.  
Paul Grindle (NY) nominated Mike Shipley.  
Jacob Lamont (WA) nominated Ben Farmer.  
Mike Saliba (MI) nominated James Weeks.  
Mario D'Angelo (NY) nominated Aaron Commey, but Mr. Commey declined the nomination.  
Erin Adams (OK) and Larry Sharpe (NY) nominated Tracy Baker and Daniel Hayes.  
Mimi Robson (CA) nominated Alicia Mattson.  
Matt DiGiallonardo (CO) nominated Joe Paschal.  
John Phillips (IL) nominated Marc Padilla.  
Jeff Woods (MI) nominated Matt Schutter.  
J.C. Cook (TX) nominated Clayton Hunt.  
Shawn Cahill (NY) nominated Susan Overeem.  
Mike McRedmond (CO) nominated Darryl Perry, but Mr. Perry declined the nomination.  
Matthew Hicks (SC) nominated Victor Kocher.  
Vicki Hall (MI) moved to close nominations, but others were seeking recognition to make nominations.  
Mary Ruwart (TX) withdrew her nomination of Chris Spangle.  
Jesse Fullington (OH) nominated Caitlin Cloven.  
Liz Scriptor (TX) nominated Drew Layda.

Daniel Hayes (LA) moved to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to have Larry Sharpe give the scheduled closing speech during ballot tabulations. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

Gus Tatlas (PA) nominated Steven Brenize.  
Michael Schultheiss (IN) re-nominated Chris Spangle, but another delegate indicated Mr. Spangle had sent a message declining the nomination.

Jim Lark (VA) requested that each of the nominated candidates attest to the Secretary that they are eligible. Mr. Sarwark indicated that he'd prefer to only verify individual candidates if specific questions arose about them.

A delegate moved to suspend the rules and establish that Instant Runoff Voting will be used for the At-Large election. Sarwark ruled the motion to be out of order while nominations were still underway.

Geoff Neale (TX) raised a point of personal privilege that the noise levels in the convention hall were too high.

Nominations for LNC At-Large were closed.

George Phillis (MA) moved to suspend the rules to change the requirement of a majority vote for election and instead establish that in the LNC At-Large race, the top-5 finishers who are eligible to serve would be elected.

Aaron Starr (CA) raised a point of order that Robert's Rules, 11<sup>th</sup> ed., p. 405 disallows plurality elections without bylaw authorization. Mr. Sarwark read from RONR p. 405, "A plurality that is not a majority never chooses a proposition or elects anyone to office except by virtue of a special rule previously adopted. If such a rule is to apply to the election of officers, it must be prescribed in the bylaws." After some informal discussion, Mr. Sarwark ruled the Phillis motion to be out of order.

Mr. Phillis appealed the ruling of the chair that his motion was out of order. Following debate, the motion to sustain the chair's ruling failed on a voice vote, finding the Phillis motion to be in order.

The convention took up the Phillis motion. A voice vote was inconclusive. The motion failed by a rising vote.

Robert Imhoff (CA) moved to suspend the rules and establish that should 5 candidates not receive a majority vote in the LNC At-Large election, a second ballot would be conducted on which only those in the top-5 who did not receive majority would be included, and each would be subject to a yes or no vote to approve their election.

Mr. Imhoff indicated his desire that the second ballot would be conducted by a voice vote, rather than a written ballot. Aaron Starr (CA) raised a point of order that Robert's Rules, 11<sup>th</sup> ed., p. 412 establishes that, "When the bylaws require a vote to be taken by ballot, this requirement cannot be suspended, even by a unanimous vote." Mr. Sarwark ruled the Starr point well taken, so the second ballot proposed in this motion would need to be a written ballot.

Aaron Starr (CA) raised a point of order that Bylaws Article 15.2 which authorizes "The Convention Special Rules of Order may provide a mechanism under which, when no candidate initially receives a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is removed from consideration," only allows one candidate to be dropped per round. Mr. Sarwark ruled the point of order "well taken, but wrong", ruling the Imhoff motion was in order.

The Imhoff motion was adopted by a voice vote.

## LNC TREASURER ELECTION RESULTS

Election results for LNC Treasurer were presented at 12:55 p.m., with a review of state-by-state results prior to displaying the totals as follows:

### LNC Treasurer – Ballot 1

Candidate	Votes	Percent
Tim Hagan	441	67.638%
Drew Layda	131	20.092%
Robert Paulson	32	4.908%
NOTA	23	3.528%
Brad Thomas	21	3.221%
Kenna Porter (write-in)	1	0.153%
Starchild (write-in)	1	0.153%
Mark Tibbets (write-in)	1	0.153%
Ambiguous / ineligible write-in	1	0.153%

See the state-by-state subtotals in the appendices.

Having received a majority of the 652 ballots cast, Tim Hagan was elected as LNC Treasurer.

The convention adjourned for lunch at 1:05. Following lunch, the convention was called back to order at 1:38 p.m.

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Ms. Hogarth presented an update from the Credentials Committee, with registration totals being 693 delegates and 19 alternates who are entitled to cast 707 votes. Quorum is 283.

## LNC OFFICER ELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

## LNC AT-LARGE NOMINATION SPEECHES

Chris Wiest (KY) moved to suspend the rules and reduce the time for LNC At-Large nomination speeches to 1 minute per candidate. The motion failed with a rising vote. Ken Moellman (KY) moved to suspend the rules



and reduce the time for LNC At-Large nomination speeches to 3 minutes per candidate. The motion was adopted by a rising vote. At-Large nomination speeches began, as follows:

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nomination Speakers</b>
Traci Baker	Erin Adams (OK), Siobhan Lynch (MA)
Steven Brenize	(none)
Joe Buchman	Caryn Ann Harlos (CO), Mark Hinkle (CA), Jeff Hewitt (CA), Joe Buchman

Mr. Sarwark inquired whether there was objection to his continuing to chair the meeting, though he intended to speak to the nomination of a candidate. There was objection. A motion to allow Mr. Sarwark to continue chairing the proceedings was adopted by a voice vote. Nomination speeches continued, as follows:

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nomination Speakers</b>
Caitlin Cloven	an unidentified delegate

Mr. Sarwark needed to depart for a media interview, and the Vice-Chair was a candidate for the pending elections, so Mr. Sarwark yielded the gavel to Alex Merced. Nomination speeches continued, as follows:

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nomination Speakers</b>
Tyler Danke	Phil Anderson (WI), Tyler Danke
Tony D'Orazio	(none)
Brian Ellison	Tim Yow (MI), Eric Mulder (CO), Brian Ellison
Ben Farmer	Ben Farmer
Jesse Fullington	Erin Adams (OK), Dustin Nanna (OH), Angela McArdle (CA), Krissi Wichers (OH)
Sam Goldstein	Sam Goldstein (IN), Nicholas Sarwark (AZ)
Ernest Hancock	Starchild (CA), Ernest Hancock, Michael Kielsky (AZ)
Daniel Hayes	Larry Sharpe (NY), Jeff Hewitt (CA), Daniel Hayes
Joe Bishop-Henchman	Joe Bishop-Henchman, Nicholas Sarwark (AZ)
Clayton Hunt	Anastasia Wilford (TX), Clayton Hunt (TX), an unidentified delegate
Andy Jacobs	Andy Jacobs
Reza Khosh-Sirat	Geoff Neale (TX), Andy Craig (TX), Reza Khosh-Sirat
Victor Kocher	Matt Hicks (SC)
Drew Layda	Drew Layda
Ben Leder	Geoff Neale (TX), Ben Leder
Alicia Mattson	Mimi Robson (CA), Alicia Mattson

Alex Merced requested permission to continue chairing the proceedings, though he intended to speak to the nomination of a candidate. The request was approved by a voice vote.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nomination Speakers</b>
Justin O'Donnell	Jeff Lyons (MA), Alex Merced (NY), Justin O'Donnell
Susan Overeem	Brian Waddell (NY)
Marc Padilla	Justin Tucker (IL), T.J. Roberts, Marc Padilla
Joe Paschal	Matt DiGiallonardo (CO)
Michael Pickens	John Keil (CO)
Bill Redpath	Erin Adams (OK), Dustin Nanna (OH), Jo Jorgensen (SC)
Steve Scheetz	Larry Sharpe (NY), Hesham El Meligy (NY), Alex Merced (NY), Steve Scheetz
Matt Schutter	Drew Bingaman (PA), Matt Schutter
Mike Shipley	Eric Raudsep (NC), Evan McMahan (IN), Mike Shipley
Brian Slowinski	Ted Metz (GA), Brian Slowinski
Heide Alejandro-Smith	Jennifer 'Hap' Werther (CA), Jeff Hewitt (CA), Heide Alejandro-Smith
Joshua Smith	Brandon Phinney (NH), Tom Arnold (TN), Dan Fishman (MA), Joshua Smith
Christopher Thrasher	Mary Ruwart (TX), Tom Mahon (NM), Christopher Thrasher

Arvin Vohra	Arvin Vohra
James Weeks	James Weeks
NOTA	Steve Butkovich (CA)

Ballots for LNC At-Large were distributed at approximately 3:40 p.m.

## *JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ELECTIONS*

Sam Goldstein (IN) moved to suspend the rules and begin nominations for Judicial Committee. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

Nominations were opened for Judicial Committee.

Steve Scheetz (PA) nominated Thomas Knapp.  
 Mark Hinkle (CA) nominated Ted Brown.  
 Ted Brown (CA) nominated Mark Hinkle.  
 Allen Spencer Dias (NH) nominated Darryl Perry.  
 Rob Latham (UT) nominated Chuck Moulton.  
 Darryl Perry (NH) nominated D. Frank Robinson.  
 Joe Bishop-Henchman (DC) nominated Andy Craig.  
 Ken Moellman (KY) nominated Chris Wiest.  
 Michelle MacCutcheon (OH) nominated Tricia Sprankle.  
 Mark Hinkle (CA) nominated Ruth Bennett.  
 Geoff Neale (TX) nominated himself.  
 Russell Brooksbank (IN) nominated Greg Hertzsch.  
 Ernest Hancock (AZ) nominated Michael Kielsky.  
 Keith Butkovich (CA) nominated NOTA.  
 Alex DiBenedetto (NV) nominated Elisheva Levin.  
 Mark Padilla (IL) nominated David Demarest.  
 Marc Tancer (FL) nominated Suzanne Gilmore.  
 Greg Peel (FL) nominated Tim Turney.  
 Christopher Thrasher (CT) nominated Dan Reale.  
 Francis Wendt (MT) nominated Roger Roots.  
 Paul Kunberger (VA) nominated Robert Murphy.  
 Jim Lark (VA) nominated Richard Burke.  
 Helen Milenski (NM) nominated A. Blair Dunn.

Nominations for Judicial Committee were closed.

Ken Moellman (KY) moved to suspend the rules and change the time for Judicial Committee nomination speeches to 2 minutes per candidate. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

John Wilford (TX) moved to suspend the rules to dispense with Judicial Committee speeches.

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

The Wilford motion failed by a voice vote.

The convention proceeded with Judicial Committee nomination speeches, in the order of their nomination.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nomination Speakers</b>
Ted Brown	Mark Hinkle (CA), Mimi Robson (CA), Ted Brown
Darryl Perry	Darryl Perry
Chuck Moulton	Joe Bishop-Henchman (DC), Rob Latham (UT), Chuck Moulton

D. Frank Robinson	Joe Buchman (UT), Gene Bell (OK), Erin Adams (OK), Daniel Hayes (LA)
Andy Craig	Andy Craig
Mark Hinkle	Ted Brown (CA), Mark Hinkle
Chris Wiest	Ken Moellman (KY)
Tom Knapp	Tom Knapp
Tricia Sprankle	an unidentified delegate, Tricia Sprankle
Ruth Bennett	Ruth Bennett
Geoff Neale	Joe Buchman (UT), Mary Ruwart (TX), Geoff Neale
Greg Hertzsch	Russ Brooksbank (IN), Greg Hertzsch
Michael Kielsky	John Buttrick (AZ), Michael Kielsky
NOTA	George Phillies (MA)
Elisheva Levin	Reza Khosh-Sirat (TX)
David Demarest	Marc Padilla (IL), David Demarest
Susan Gilmore	Marc Tancer (FL)
A. Blair Dunn	Helen Milenski (NM)
Jim Turney	Jim Lark (VA), Jim Turney
Dan Reale	Christopher Thrasher (CT), Dan Reale
Roger Roots	Francis Wendt (MT), Rob Latham (UT), Roger Roots
Robert Murphy	Paul Kunberger (VA), Robert Murphy
Richard Burke	Mark Rutherford (IN), Richard Burke (who withdrew his name from nomination)

## GUEST SPEAKERS

Larry Sharpe had been scheduled as the closing speaker, but it had been necessary for him to depart to catch a flight, so instead Hesham El Meligy and Brian Waddell from the Sharpe campaign addressed the delegates.

David Ross, Congressional Candidate for the 6<sup>th</sup> District in Tennessee addressed the delegates.

## SUSPENSION OF THE RULES - RESOLUTIONS

Ken Moellman (OH) moved to suspend the rules to consider a resolution. There was no objection.

Dustin Nanna (OH) moved to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the State of Ohio has enacted onerous ballot access laws;

Whereas these laws are specifically designed to reduce choices for voters;

Whereas the State of Ohio intends to purge voters from voter rolls, using unsolicited mail to qualify – which is known to have, at best, a 2% response rate;

Be it resolved that we condemn all voter suppression and specifically condemn the voter suppression in the State of Ohio.

The resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

Dean Ahmad (MD) moved to suspend the rules for 2 minutes to consider a resolution calling for the abolition of I.C.E. and the F.B.I. There was no objection to the suspension.

Whereas, recent abuses of power have given rise to calls for the abolition of I.C.E. and of the F.B.I., the Libertarian Party hereby expresses its commitment to abolishing both agencies on the grounds that both agencies have shown themselves to be immoral, ineffective, and counter-productive with respect to their purported purposes.

The resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

At the request of Mr. Sarwark, a round of applause was given to Daniel Hayes and the Convention Oversight Committee. Mr. Hayes briefly addressed the delegates.

Darryl Perry (NH) moved to suspend the rules for 30 seconds to consider a resolution calling for a pardon of Ross Ulbricht. There was no objection to the suspension. The resolution was as follows:

Resolved: The Libertarian Party calls upon President Trump to issue a full pardon for Ross Ulbricht!

The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

A delegate moved to suspend the rules for 2 minutes to consider a resolution calling for endorsement of the Convention of States project. The suspension failed by a voice vote.

Adam Kokesh (PA) moved to suspend the rules for 3 minutes to consider a resolution, a one-sentence unity statement related to the earlier-moved "New Orleans Accord". The suspension was adopted by a voice vote. Mr. Kokesh requested that Dane Posner (PA) and T.J. Roberts read the resolution. There was no objection from the body to allow a non-delegate to speak. The motion was read as follows:

Whereas it is necessary for all who passionately oppose injustice to stand together, we the members of the Libertarian Party hereby resolve that we welcome everyone who asserts the non-aggression principle, regardless of their preferences for what a voluntary world might look like.

Following debate, a voice vote on the resolution was inconclusive. It failed by a rising vote.

Michael Kielsky (AZ) moved to suspend the rules for 2 minutes to consider a resolution which was a variant of the "New Orleans Accord". The motion to suspend failed by a voice vote.

Andy Craig (WI) moved to suspend the rules for 30 seconds to consider a resolution. There was no objection to the suspension. Mr. Craig moved to adopt the following:

Resolved, this convention thanks and commends the moral courage shown by the flight crews and airlines who refused to participate in President Trump's kidnapping of children.

The resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

Dave Macko (OH) moved to suspend the rules for 2 minutes to consider a resolution regarding Special Counsel Robert Mueller. The suspension failed by a voice vote.

Scotty Boman (MI) moved to suspend the rules for 30 seconds to consider a resolution regarding children's rights to file for divorce. The suspension failed by a voice vote.

Adam House (TX) moved to suspend the rules for 2 minutes for a resolution regarding war crimes and abolition of the C.I.A. A voice vote on the suspension was inconclusive. The suspension failed by a rising vote.

Mr. Sarwark yielded the gavel to Alex Merced.

Jason Weinmann (NV) moved to suspend the rules for 30 seconds to consider a resolution declaring that no New Orleans Accord was necessary. The suspension failed by a voice vote.

Richard Fast (CA) moved to suspend the rules for 2 minutes to consider another variant of the “New Orleans Accord” resolution. The suspension failed by a voice vote.

A delegate raised a point of order about the high noise levels in the convention hall. A delegate raised a point of order that he didn’t believe a quorum was present. The chair issued no ruling.

At 5:55 p.m. Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

With the LNC At-Large ballot tabulation still underway, Mr. Sarwark moved to appoint the top-5 finishers in the LNC At-Large race regardless of whether they receive a majority vote. Mr. Sarwark ruled his own motion to be out of order, and requested that the delegates overturn his ruling.

John Wilford (TX) requested the chair to reconsider his approach, and he appealed the ruling of the chair. Following debate, the vote to sustain the ruling of the chair failed by a voice vote, overturning the ruling and allowing introduction of the motion to appoint the top-5. Michael Kielsky (AZ) moved to suspend the rules and appoint the top-5 finishers in the LNC At-Large race. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

## ADJOURNMENT

A delegate moved to adjourn. Darryl Perry (NH) sought recognition for a request for information. Mr. Sarwark ruled that the request was out of order with a privileged motion pending. The motion to adjourn was adopted by a voice vote at 6:00 p.m.

## POST-ADJOURNMENT ELECTION RESULTS

### LNC AT-LARGE ELECTION RESULTS

At approximately 6:30 p.m., the results of the LNC At-Large election were completed and published as follows:

#### LNC At-Large – Ballot 1

Candidate	Votes	Percent
Sam Goldstein	327	54.139%
Joe Bishop-Henchman	312	51.656%
Joshua Smith	269	44.536%
Bill Redpath	267	44.205%
Alicia Mattson	231	38.245%
Steve Scheetz	230	38.079%
Daniel Hayes	227	37.583%
Joe Buchman	215	35.596%
Reza Khosh-Sirat	203	33.609%
Christopher Thrasher	184	30.464%
Ernest Hancock	120	19.868%

Arvin Vohra	115	19.040%
Heide Alejandro-Smith	113	18.709%
Brian Ellison	113	18.709%
Michael Pickens	110	18.212%
Justin O'Donnell	102	16.887%
Ben Farmer	97	16.060%
Mike Shipley	90	14.901%
Jesse Fullington	83	13.742%
James Weeks	80	13.245%
Drew Layda	75	12.417%
Clayton Hunt	70	11.589%
Tyler Danke	55	9.106%
Traci Baker	53	8.775%
Brian Slowinski	52	8.609%
Andy Jacobs	51	8.444%
Marc Padilla	51	8.444%
Caitlin Cloven	46	7.616%
Susan Overeem	39	6.457%
Ben Leder	30	4.967%
Tony D'Orazio	20	3.311%
Victor Kocher	20	3.311%
Matt Schutter	19	3.146%
Joe Paschal	15	2.483%
Steven Brenize	10	1.656%
Joe Hauptmann (write-in)	6	0.993%
NOTA	4	0.662%
Ambiguous / ineligible write-in	3	0.497%

See the state-by-state subtotals in the appendices.

With 604 ballots cast, pursuant to the motion adopted just prior to adjournment, Sam Goldstein, Joe Bishop-Henchman, Joshua Smith, Bill Redpath, and Alicia Mattson were elected to the LNC.

## JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

Later in the evening, following the LNC's post-convention meeting, the Judicial Committee ballots were tabulated and the results announced as follows:

### Judicial Committee – Ballot 1

Candidate	Votes	Percent
D. Frank Robinson	204	40.719%
Chuck Moulton	192	38.323%
Darryl Perry	182	36.327%
Ruth Bennett	177	35.329%
Geoff Neale	158	31.537%
Jim Turney	157	31.337%
Tricia Sprankle	155	30.938%
Tom Knapp	142	28.343%
Mark Hinkle	140	27.944%
Roger Roots	133	26.547%
Andy Craig	131	26.148%
David Demarest	117	23.353%

A. Blair Dunn	114	22.754%
Ted Brown	112	22.355%
Robert Murphy	99	19.760%
Michael Kielsky	88	17.565%
Elisheva Levin	85	16.966%
Suzanne Gilmore	67	13.373%
Greg Hertzsch	56	11.178%
Chris Wiest	55	10.978%
Dan Reale	41	8.184%
Richard Burke (write-in)	12	2.395%
NOTA	11	2.196%
Tom Arnold (write-in)	1	0.200%
Dan Behrman (write-in)	1	0.200%
Jim Gray (write-in)	1	0.200%
Ernest Hancock (write-in)	1	0.200%
Roger McBride (write-in)	1	0.200%
Ron Morris (write-in)	1	0.200%
Mark Rutherford (write-in)	1	0.200%
Steve Scheetz (write-in)	1	0.200%
Joe Vasoli (write-in)	1	0.200%
Arvin Vohra (write-in)	1	0.200%
James Weeks (write-in)	1	0.200%
Ambiguous / ineligible write-in	2	0.399%

With 501 ballots cast, none of the candidates received the majority required for election.

## *SPECIAL THANKS*

It takes a team to do the job of Secretary in a convention which uses paper ballots for 1000 delegates. I want to offer a very special thanks to my team of tellers who worked at various times during the convention (Whitney Bilyeu, Bob Johnston, Sandra Kallander, Ken Moellman, Timothy Perkins, Erik Raudsep, Aaron Starr, Carolyn Wade, and any others I may have mistakenly missed) to count tokens, distribute ballots, double-check affiliate submissions, read affiliate tally sheets to me for tabulation, organize paperwork, find ways to do things more efficiently, and do whatever they saw needed to be done. I could not have done it all without you. I would also like to thank the team who assisted with the late-night tabulation of the Judicial Committee results (Richard Brown, Stewart Flood, Caryn Ann Harlos, Jo Jorgensen, Dustin Nanna, Frank Rossa, Aaron Starr, and two others).

THANK YOU!!!

Alicia Mattson  
LNC Secretary

**APPENDIX A**  
**STATE-BY-STATE DETAIL FOR ELECTION RESULTS**

<b>LNC Chair - Round 1</b>										
<b>State</b>	<b>Daniel Behrman</b>	<b>John Keil</b>	<b>Matthew Kuehnel</b>	<b>NOTA</b>	<b>Nick Sarwark</b>	<b>Matthew Schutter</b>	<b>Joshua Smith</b>	<b>Christopher Thrasher</b>	<b>write-in</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total</b>	0	4	13	33	517	1	175	46	1	790
AL	0	0	0	0	6	0	8	0	0	14
AK	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	7
AZ	0	0	0	2	13	0	4	0	0	19
AR	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	6
CA	0	0	2	1	40	0	25	4	1	73
CO	0	4	0	2	19	0	1	3	0	29
CT	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	7	0	10
DE	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	4
DC	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
FL	0	0	0	2	10	0	15	4	0	31
GA	0	0	0	1	14	0	1	1	0	17
HI	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	4
ID	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	6
IL	0	0	0	2	20	0	9	1	0	32
IN	0	0	0	0	22	0	4	3	0	29
IA	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	0	0	9
KS	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	6
KY	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	1	0	9
LA	0	0	0	0	12	0	2	1	0	15
ME	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	6
MD	0	0	0	0	11	0	1	0	0	12
MA	0	0	0	3	10	0	0	0	0	13
MI	0	0	4	1	27	0	2	2	0	36
MN	0	0	0	0	10	0	3	0	0	13
MS	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	6
MO	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	11
MT	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
NE	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	2	0	8
NV	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	11
NH	0	0	0	4	6	0	1	0	0	11
NJ	0	0	0	0	9	0	4	0	0	13
NM	0	0	1	0	8	0	3	0	0	12
NY	0	0	0	2	22	0	7	2	0	33
NC	0	0	0	0	17	0	2	0	0	19
ND	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	4
OH	0	0	0	0	13	0	11	2	0	26
OK	0	0	0	1	2	0	8	0	0	11
OR	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
PA	0	0	5	2	14	1	12	2	0	36
RI	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
SC	0	0	0	0	9	0	2	0	0	11
SD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
TN	0	0	0	1	22	0	0	1	0	24
TX	0	0	1	1	39	0	15	1	0	57
UT	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	1	0	8
VT	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
VA	0	0	0	0	14	0	1	1	0	16
WA	0	0	0	1	15	0	10	1	0	27
WV	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	5
WI	0	0	0	3	12	0	3	1	0	19
WY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Write-in: Arvin Hammer (CA)



**APPENDIX A**  
**STATE-BY-STATE DETAIL FOR ELECTION RESULTS**

<b>LNC Vice-Chair - Round 1</b>										
<b>State</b>	<b>Matthew Geiger</b>	<b>Sam Goldstein</b>	<b>Joe Hauptmann</b>	<b>Alex Merced</b>	<b>Steve Scheetz</b>	<b>Arvin Vohra</b>	<b>James Weeks</b>	<b>NOTA</b>	<b>write-in</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>732</b>
AL	0	5	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	13
AK	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	7
AZ	0	3	1	7	2	2	2	2	0	19
AR	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
CA	0	5	15	27	4	4	6	1	0	62
CO	1	2	10	4	1	8	1	1	0	28
CT	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	10
DE	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
DC	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
FL	0	3	7	9	1	1	2	0	0	23
GA	0	0	2	7	6	0	0	0	0	15
HI	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
ID	0	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	6
IL	1	5	6	15	0	5	0	0	0	32
IN	1	14	11	1	0	1	0	1	0	29
IA	0	3	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	9
KS	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	6
KY	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
LA	0	4	3	4	1	1	2	0	0	15
ME	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
MD	0	3	2	4	0	3	0	0	0	12
MA	0	2	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	13
MI	0	4	10	8	0	4	9	1	0	36
MN	0	3	3	2	0	1	2	0	0	11
MS	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	6
MO	0	3	1	4	1	2	0	0	0	11
MT	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
NE	0	1	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	8
NV	0	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
NH	0	1	1	6	2	0	0	1	0	11
NJ	0	0	3	6	0	1	2	0	0	12
NM	1	4	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	12
NY	0	1	5	22	0	3	1	0	0	32
NC	0	5	2	6	0	3	0	0	1	17
ND	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OH	0	6	6	11	1	1	0	0	0	25
OK	1	3	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	12
OR	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	6
PA	1	1	5	12	8	3	5	0	0	35
RI	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
SC	0	2	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	10
SD	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TN	0	2	8	13	0	1	0	0	0	24
TX	1	8	8	17	3	5	10	0	0	52
UT	0	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	7
VT	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
VA	1	2	8	0	2	1	0	1	0	15
WA	1	2	2	7	1	5	1	0	0	19
WV	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	5
WI	1	2	7	3	0	3	0	0	0	16
WY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Write-ins: Geoff Neale (NC)

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<b>LNC Vice-Chair - Round 2</b>								
<b>State</b>	<b>Sam Goldstein</b>	<b>Joe Hauptmann</b>	<b>Alex Merced</b>	<b>Arvin Vohra</b>	<b>James Weeks</b>	<b>NOTA</b>	<b>write-in</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>569</b>
AL	1	5	5	0	0	0	0	11
AK	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
AZ	4	1	6	1	3	0	0	15
AR	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	6
CA	3	14	22	5	1	1	0	46
CO	2	10	7	7	1	0	0	27
CT	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
DE	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
DC	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
FL	1	8	12	1	2	0	0	24
GA	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	13
HI	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
ID	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
IL	3	6	10	0	0	0	0	19
IN	12	13	1	1	0	1	0	28
IA	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	5
KS	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	6
KY	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
LA	4	6	4	1	0	0	0	15
ME	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
MD	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	7
MA	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	6
MI	3	9	7	2	10	0	0	31
MN	1	1	2	0	3	1	0	8
MS	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
MO	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	9
MT	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	5
NE	1	1	5	1	0	0	0	8
NV	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	8
NH	1	1	6	0	0	0	1	9
NJ	0	1	6	0	1	0	0	8
NM	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	8
NY	0	3	18	0	0	0	0	21
NC	4	2	6	2	0	0	0	14
ND	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
OH	4	2	8	1	0	1	0	16
OK	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	10
OR	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
PA	0	7	12	3	5	0	0	27
RI	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
SC	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	8
SD	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
TN	0	5	12	2	0	0	0	19
TX	5	6	21	4	2	0	1	39
UT	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	7
VT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
VA	2	7	0	1	0	0	0	10
WA	1	2	5	3	0	0	0	11
WV	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	5
WI	2	5	5	2	0	0	1	15
WY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Write-ins: Tyler Danke (WI), Hauptstad (TX), Starchild (NH)

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<b>LNC Vice-Chair - Round 3</b>							
<b>State</b>	<b>Sam Goldstein</b>	<b>Joe Hauptmann</b>	<b>Alex Merced</b>	<b>Arvin Vohra</b>	<b>NOTA</b>	<b>Ineligible (write-in)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>658</b>
AL	2	6	4	0	0	0	12
AK	0	0	7	0	0	0	7
AZ	4	3	10	1	1	0	19
AR	0	2	4	0	0	0	6
CA	3	20	29	5	1	0	58
CO	1	11	8	7	0	0	27
CT	0	0	7	0	0	0	7
DE	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
DC	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
FL	0	13	14	2	0	0	29
GA	0	0	13	0	0	0	13
HI	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
ID	0	1	5	0	0	0	6
IL	2	7	13	3	0	0	25
IN	5	21	1	1	1	0	29
IA	1	3	2	1	0	0	7
KS	0	2	4	0	0	0	6
KY	4	1	1	0	0	0	6
LA	3	6	5	0	0	0	14
ME	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
MD	3	0	4	1	0	0	8
MA	1	1	5	0	0	0	7
MI	2	9	11	9	1	0	32
MN	1	2	6	0	0	0	9
MS	0	1	3	0	0	0	4
MO	4	3	2	0	0	0	9
MT	0	3	1	1	0	0	5
NE	0	0	5	3	0	0	8
NV	1	6	1	0	0	0	8
NH	0	2	8	0	0	1	11
NJ	0	3	6	1	0	0	10
NM	0	6	4	0	0	0	10
NY	0	2	25	0	0	0	27
NC	1	4	8	3	0	0	16
ND	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
OH	7	0	10	1	1	0	19
OK	1	1	9	0	0	0	11
OR	0	2	4	0	0	0	6
PA	0	9	15	4	0	0	28
RI	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
SC	0	8	1	0	0	0	9
SD	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TN	0	2	15	2	0	0	19
TX	7	8	26	10	0	0	51
UT	1	1	3	2	0	0	7
VT	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
VA	1	6	2	1	0	0	10
WA	1	3	7	6	0	0	17
WV	0	1	4	0	0	0	5
WI	1	4	7	4	0	1	17
WY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Ineligible write-ins: Zane Sarwark (NH), Zane Sarwark (WI)

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<b>LNC Secretary - Round 1</b>					
State	Caryn Ann Harlos	Alicia Mattson	Jeff Wood	NOTA	Total
<b>Total</b>	372	235	38	12	657
AL	9	3	0	0	12
AK	7	0	0	0	7
AZ	13	4	1	1	19
AR	2	4	0	0	6
CA	32	22	4	1	59
CO	22	4	1	0	27
CT	2	5	0	0	7
DE	4	0	0	0	4
DC	1	3	0	0	4
FL	16	11	1	1	29
GA	7	6	0	0	13
HI	4	0	0	0	4
ID	1	5	0	0	6
IL	10	15	0	0	25
IN	6	23	0	0	29
IA	1	6	0	0	7
KS	6	0	0	0	6
KY	6	0	0	0	6
LA	9	3	0	2	14
ME	2	1	0	0	3
MD	5	3	0	0	8
MA	4	3	0	0	7
MI	9	10	11	2	32
MN	3	4	2	0	9
MS	4	0	0	0	4
MO	3	6	0	0	9
MT	4	1	0	0	5
NE	4	4	0	0	8
NV	0	8	0	0	8
NH	7	1	0	3	11
NJ	5	5	0	0	10
NM	1	9	0	0	10
NY	20	7	0	0	27
NC	5	10	1	0	16
ND	1	2	0	0	3
OH	18	2	0	0	20
OK	10	1	0	0	11
OR	3	3	0	0	6
PA	15	2	8	0	25
RI	3	0	0	0	3
SC	1	8	0	0	9
SD	1	0	0	0	1
TN	18	1	0	0	19
TX	31	12	7	1	51
UT	5	2	0	0	7
VT	2	0	0	0	2
VA	2	7	0	1	10
WA	15	2	0	0	17
WV	4	1	0	0	5
WI	9	6	2	0	17
WY	0	0	0	0	0

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<b>LNC Treasurer - Round 1</b>							
State	Tim Hagan	Drew Layda	Robert Paulson	Brad Thomas	NOTA	write-in	Total
<b>Total</b>	441	131	32	21	23	4	652
AL	9	3	0	0	0	0	12
AK	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
AZ	12	4	1	0	2	0	19
AR	5	1	0	0	0	0	6
CA	37	16	2	1	2	0	58
CO	16	7	0	2	2	0	27
CT	5	2	0	0	0	0	7
DE	1	1	0	2	0	0	4
DC	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
FL	22	4	0	0	3	0	29
GA	11	2	0	0	0	0	13
HI	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
ID	5	1	0	0	0	0	6
IL	19	3	2	0	1	0	25
IN	17	9	0	2	0	1	29
IA	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
KS	4	2	0	0	0	0	6
KY	5	1	0	0	0	0	6
LA	9	4	0	0	1	0	14
ME	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
MD	7	1	0	0	0	0	8
MA	6	1	0	0	0	0	7
MI	20	1	9	1	1	0	32
MN	6	1	0	1	1	0	9
MS	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
MO	8	0	0	0	1	0	9
MT	3	0	1	1	0	0	5
NE	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
NV	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
NH	8	1	0	0	2	0	11
NJ	6	1	1	0	0	0	8
NM	8	2	0	0	0	0	10
NY	22	5	0	0	0	0	27
NC	13	0	1	1	0	0	15
ND	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
OH	9	8	1	2	0	0	20
OK	7	4	0	0	0	0	11
OR	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
PA	7	13	5	0	0	1	26
RI	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
SC	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
SD	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
TN	14	3	0	0	1	1	19
TX	30	8	5	6	1	0	50
UT	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
VT	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
VA	7	2	0	0	1	0	10
WA	3	7	2	1	2	1	16
WV	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
WI	12	1	2	1	1	0	17
WY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Valid Write-ins: Starchild (PA), Kenna Porter (TN), Mark Tibbets (WA)  
 Ambiguous Write-In: T-Rex (IN) (this may have been intended as a vote for Timothy Rex Hagan)

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**LNC At-Large - Round 1**

State	Traci Baker	Steven Brenize	Joe Buchman	Caitlin Cloven	Tyler Danke	Tony D'Orazio	Brian Ellison	Ben Farmer	Jesse Fullington	Sam Goldstein	Ernest Hancock	Daniel Hayes	Joe Bishop-Henchman	Clayton Hunt	Andy Jacobs	Reza Khosh-Sirat	Victor Kocher	Drew Layda	Ben Leder	Alicia Mattson	Sub Total
<b>Total</b>	53	10	215	46	55	20	113	97	83	327	120	227	312	70	51	203	20	75	30	231	2358
AL	1	0	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	9	2	6	5	1	0	2	0	2	0	5	40
AK	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	16
AZ	0	0	6	0	0	0	4	3	0	9	8	4	6	0	1	4	0	1	1	4	51
AR	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	5	0	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	5	25
CA	3	0	18	2	5	1	11	6	6	27	16	22	26	6	9	21	2	10	3	28	222
CO	1	1	12	2	2	0	10	8	4	14	5	8	13	3	1	6	0	3	4	10	107
CT	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	10
DE	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	16
DC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	19
FL	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	2	1	13	2	10	10	2	1	6	0	4	0	11	70
GA	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	9	7	8	0	3	5	0	0	0	5	44
HI	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	3	3	4	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	37
ID	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	18
IL	2	0	8	5	1	0	2	0	7	10	2	3	11	0	0	7	0	3	0	6	67
IN	1	0	12	0	0	0	4	1	0	23	2	7	22	1	1	14	0	3	0	14	105
IA	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	16
KS	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	9
KY	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	5	3	2	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	22
LA	2	0	7	0	1	0	5	0	0	8	0	13	10	4	0	6	0	3	1	4	64
ME	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	5	1	1	3	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	21
MD	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	21
MA	3	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	2	0	1	1	3	1	2	1	3	33
MI	3	0	12	0	3	1	16	4	5	18	4	11	14	6	4	11	1	2	0	10	125
MN	2	0	1	5	1	0	2	1	3	2	0	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	25
MS	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	8
MO	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	2	2	5	0	0	2	0	1	0	4	28
MT	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	1	0	3	3	0	1	0	3	21
NE	1	0	5	2	4	0	1	0	2	4	0	5	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	32
NV	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	9	9	0	0	8	0	1	0	8	49
NH	0	0	4	1	2	0	4	2	3	5	3	4	8	2	0	3	0	2	1	0	44
NJ	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
NM	0	0	6	2	0	0	1	3	0	6	1	4	4	0	1	3	0	1	0	4	36
NY	1	0	7	1	2	5	1	2	1	11	2	12	14	0	2	9	0	1	0	11	82
NC	2	1	6	1	2	1	1	2	1	9	2	4	10	1	1	3	1	2	2	5	57
ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OH	0	0	2	2	0	1	5	2	10	11	3	7	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	55
OK	7	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	4	7	0	6	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	40
OR	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	4	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	5	1	4	27
PA	2	6	2	1	1	3	9	4	2	5	9	7	6	5	9	2	0	6	0	1	80
RI	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
SC	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	5	0	2	5	1	0	6	9	0	0	7	42
SD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TN	3	0	4	0	0	1	2	0	1	11	2	11	10	0	0	4	0	2	0	2	53
TX	6	0	14	3	4	0	15	31	10	27	12	18	29	28	7	27	1	7	6	16	261
UT	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
VT	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
VA	2	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	5	8	0	0	8	2	2	1	8	49
WA	2	0	9	1	0	1	5	6	4	6	7	7	7	0	3	2	0	3	1	9	73
WV	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	15
WI	3	0	12	5	15	3	2	3	3	8	3	3	14	1	1	10	2	1	5	6	100
WY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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LNC At-Large - Round 1																					
State	Justin O'Donnell	Susan Overeem	Marc Padilla	Joe Paschal	Michael Pickens	Bill Redpath	Steve Scheetz	Matt Schutter	Mike Shipley	Brian Slowinski	Heide A-Smith	Joshua Smith	Christopher Thrasher	Arvin Vohra	James Weeks	NOTA	write-in	Carryover Subtotal	Total	Ballots Cast	
<b>Total</b>	102	39	51	15	110	267	230	19	90	52	113	269	184	115	80	4	9	2358	4107	604	
AL	1	0	1	1	6	8	4	0	2	1	5	6	2	2	0	0	0	40	79	9	
AK	0	4	0	0	6	2	5	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	16	40	7	
AZ	2	0	0	0	1	4	4	0	8	1	1	6	2	3	2	0	0	51	85	14	
AR	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	25	35	6	
CA	4	5	7	2	13	23	19	0	6	2	9	25	12	11	6	1	0	222	367	55	
CO	3	0	2	2	6	10	5	0	1	1	2	7	11	7	2	0	0	107	166	24	
CT	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	10	23	5	
DE	1	1	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	16	31	4	
DC	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	19	28	4	
FL	3	1	0	0	9	8	10	1	2	2	4	18	14	5	3	0	0	70	150	24	
GA	2	1	0	0	2	5	8	0	1	13	1	12	8	2	1	0	2	44	102	13	
HI	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	1	0	0	37	59	5	
ID	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	1	2	0	0	0	18	28	5	
IL	5	2	8	0	2	14	1	0	1	0	2	10	7	3	1	0	0	67	123	17	
IN	2	1	0	0	3	16	2	0	6	1	5	5	11	3	1	0	0	105	161	26	
IA	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	1	0	16	30	7	
KS	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	14	2	
KY	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	22	30	7	
LA	4	1	1	0	1	3	8	0	4	0	12	6	4	3	2	0	0	64	113	14	
ME	3	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	21	37	5	
MD	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	21	32	6	
MA	7	1	1	1	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	5	0	0	2	0	0	33	59	8	
MI	1	1	4	0	4	15	10	3	8	2	6	5	4	7	12	0	0	125	207	28	
MN	2	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	2	0	3	2	0	0	25	45	6	
MS	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	8	17	4	
MO	2	0	1	1	0	6	3	0	3	0	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	28	51	9	
MT	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	21	25	5	
NE	1	0	2	1	0	2	7	0	1	0	1	5	2	3	0	0	1	32	58	8	
NV	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	6	0	4	0	2	0	5	0	0	49	75	9	
NH	11	0	1	0	0	6	8	0	1	2	4	3	3	2	1	0	1	44	87	11	
NJ	1	0	0	0	1	2	5	0	1	0	2	4	0	1	1	0	0	10	28	8	
NM	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	0	1	0	0	36	53	8	
NY	13	6	2	0	4	13	17	0	1	2	3	14	9	7	1	0	0	82	174	25	
NC	2	1	1	1	2	6	4	1	6	1	1	4	7	2	0	0	1	57	97	12	
ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
OH	1	0	0	0	1	11	3	0	2	0	0	10	8	2	1	0	0	55	94	19	
OK	2	1	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	7	1	1	0	0	0	40	61	9	
OR	1	0	1	1	2	3	3	0	0	1	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	27	46	5	
PA	5	3	1	0	10	6	24	11	9	2	1	12	2	5	10	2	0	80	183	31	
RI	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	11	3	
SC	1	2	0	0	0	9	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	42	61	9	
SD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TN	3	0	0	0	3	8	2	0	0	1	3	14	6	4	1	0	0	53	98	15	
TX	4	2	6	0	14	15	31	1	9	11	24	19	15	17	17	0	2	261	448	50	
UT	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	8	15	7	
VT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	5	1	
VA	3	0	0	0	1	10	4	0	0	0	2	1	3	2	0	0	0	49	75	11	
WA	0	2	4	1	3	3	10	0	3	1	3	17	4	4	4	0	1	73	133	21	
WV	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	15	26	4	
WI	3	2	3	1	4	7	3	0	1	1	2	6	4	5	0	0	0	100	142	19	
WY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Valid Write-ins: Joe Hauptmann (GA – 2), Joe Hauptmann (NE), Joe Hauptmann (NC), Joe Hauptmann (SC), Joe Hauptmann (WA) --- Ambiguous / Ineligible Write-Ins: Zane Sarwark (NH), Your Mom (TX), Taxation is Theft (TX)

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Judicial Committee - Round 1																										
State	Ruth Bennett	Ted Brown	Andy Craig	David Demarest	A. Blair Dunn	Suzanne Gilmore	Greg Hertzsch	Mark Hinkle	Michael Kleisky	Tom Knapp	Elisheva Levin	Chuck Moulton	Robert Murphy	Geoff Neale	Darryl Perry	Dan Reale	D. Frank Robinson	Roger Roots	Tricia Sprankle	Jim Turney	Chris Wiest	NOTA	write-in	Total	Ballots Cast	
<b>Total</b>	177	112	131	117	114	67	56	140	88	142	85	192	99	158	182	41	204	133	155	157	55	11	25	2641	501	
AL	3	6	4	1	1	2	0	6	3	4	0	2	4	4	3	2	7	4	2	2	4	0	0	64	9	
AK	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	5	
AZ	8	4	2	2	2	0	0	4	12	4	2	7	3	3	4	1	3	3	2	2	1	0	2	71	12	
AR	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	3	1	2	0	1	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	22	4	
CA	13	26	9	13	8	6	3	23	6	9	17	7	10	11	15	2	10	9	10	16	3	1	2	229	41	
CO	10	3	4	9	7	1	2	6	6	6	1	9	4	2	6	1	9	8	4	5	0	2	1	106	20	
CT	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	12	3	
DE	3	1	2	1	0	2	0	3	2	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	26	4	
DC	0	1	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	25	4	
FL	5	4	2	0	0	18	0	3	0	15	2	10	0	5	3	0	6	15	4	22	0	0	0	114	22	
GA	3	0	5	0	4	1	0	5	0	5	1	0	0	2	11	0	0	3	3	9	1	0	0	53	11	
HI	3	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	19	3	
ID	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	
IL	0	1	4	4	4	0	1	1	0	5	1	2	3	2	7	2	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	44	13	
IN	7	1	14	0	3	0	22	4	6	2	5	13	3	5	5	2	6	7	14	9	7	0	3	138	23	
IA	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	19	5	
KS	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	2	
KY	4	0	3	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	5	2	1	0	2	1	2	2	7	0	0	37	7	
LA	5	0	3	4	7	1	3	2	3	4	1	6	1	4	9	2	7	4	6	1	2	1	0	76	14	
ME	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	1	3	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	3	
MD	4	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	4	2	1	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	27	4	
MA	3	3	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	3	2	2	0	2	3	1	0	0	30	7	
MI	11	6	3	5	9	4	1	5	7	4	0	12	1	11	7	2	10	8	5	7	5	1	0	124	20	
MN	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	0	1	0	1	2	1	3	0	4	2	2	0	0	32	5	
MS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	
MO	4	5	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	7	1	6	4	7	1	0	8	2	4	3	1	0	0	59	9	
MT	3	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	1	1	0	1	4	1	2	0	0	0	22	4	
NE	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	1	0	6	1	6	1	1	3	0	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	38	8	
NV	4	0	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	31	5	
NH	5	1	0	7	5	1	1	2	3	7	1	7	3	2	11	2	8	1	6	7	1	0	0	81	11	
NJ	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	5	
NM	0	0	2	0	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	8	
NY	7	4	5	3	7	3	0	6	1	2	3	4	0	10	11	5	6	8	7	4	1	3	0	100	19	
NC	9	3	1	0	2	1	1	4	1	2	3	4	4	8	2	0	5	5	1	5	0	0	1	62	11	
ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OH	4	0	1	2	0	0	1	5	1	2	0	4	2	5	4	0	7	4	17	2	11	0	0	72	17	
OK	6	1	1	5	1	1	3	1	1	2	3	1	9	6	4	1	9	2	4	2	0	0	0	63	10	
OR	3	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	5	5	4	0	2	0	0	32	6	
PA	2	3	2	5	3	1	0	3	2	10	3	15	4	3	10	1	9	0	5	4	0	0	8	93	23	
RI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	6	3	
SC	6	4	2	3	2	0	0	6	0	1	0	7	0	5	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	40	8	
SD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TN	2	1	1	2	4	3	0	2	6	5	1	4	1	2	2	0	13	6	3	3	3	0	0	64	14	
TX	17	17	7	17	12	7	7	22	12	12	14	18	10	26	20	4	21	12	18	15	2	1	0	291	43	
UT	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	22	4	
VT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
VA	5	3	4	0	4	1	1	4	2	1	1	5	4	5	1	1	3	0	0	7	0	0	0	52	9	
WA	9	4	4	6	5	6	0	0	4	5	4	4	2	1	6	2	7	3	4	3	0	0	0	79	16	
WV	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	20	3	
WI	2	5	14	5	3	0	0	0	0	5	5	3	4	1	9	0	3	2	5	0	0	0	3	69	19	
WY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Valid Write-Ins for Judicial Committee:

Roger McBride (AZ), Ernest Hancock (AZ), Richard Burke (CA), Tom Arnold (CO), 4 Richard Burke (DC),  
3 Richard Burke (IN), Ron Morris (MS), Richard Burke (NC), Arvin Vohra (PA), Steve Scheetz (PA), Joe Vasoli (PA),  
Richard Burke (PA), Jim Gray (PA), James Weeks (PA), Dan Behrman (PA), Mark Rutherford (PA), 2 Richard Burke (WI)

Ambiguous / Ineligible Write-Ins for Judicial Committee: Hombre (CA), Zane Sarwark (WI)

## ELECTION ANOMALIES

by LNC Secretary Alicia Mattson

As I did following the 2012, 2014, and 2016 conventions, I performed an audit of the election results for the 2018 convention. Details I have documented in the appendices to convention minutes demonstrate that our process of manually tallying delegate ballots has not just the potential for a lot of errors, but there actually are a lot of errors.

The mistakes happen because humans are working in high pressure, fast-paced situations. The time pressures and loud background noise are hard to overcome. In 2016 convention delegates adopted rule changes which have helped catch some of these errors onsite, but it is evident that even with extra steps added, we are not yet getting perfect election results.

Documenting our mistakes is not an effort to criticize the good-faith efforts of our convention volunteers. Knowing that these problems exist is just a necessary first step to actually finding solutions for the problems for our future conventions.

### Vote-for-One Elections

The vote-for-one elections (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) are much less error-prone than the elections in which delegates vote for multiple candidates for multiple seats (At-Large and Judicial Committee). Having pieces of paper with a single candidate's name that can be sorted into piles for each candidate, which can be quickly double-counted by a teller, generally yields accurate results even under the time pressures and noisy conditions of our convention elections.

The tellers' double-check of the delegation chairs' work was able to catch a few mistakes. A rule change adopted in 2016 made it mandatory to do an on-screen review of the state-by-state results. In many prior years, this step was skipped just to save time. Because of the now-required step, several errors were caught that way this year, allowing us to correct them before the results were announced. These errors included things like: delegation chairs writing votes for Candidate X on the tally sheet line for Candidate Y; misinterpreting what the delegation chairs had written; and data entry errors.

Even so, this year my audit revealed the below errors which were not successfully caught and corrected onsite before results were announced.

On the second ballot of the Vice-Chair election, the tally sheet from New Mexico indicated 7 votes for Joe Hauptmann and 1 vote for Alex Merced for a total of 8 votes. During my audit, there were actually 9 ballots submitted, with 8 votes for Joe Hauptmann and 1 vote for Alex Merced. Had this been caught onsite, the results for that round of balloting would have reported 570 ballots, rather than 569, and each candidate's percentages would have decreased very slightly. Since no candidate achieved a majority in that round of balloting, the outcome was not changed by this error.

The third ballot of the Vice-Chair election was combined on a single tally sheet with the Secretary and Treasurer elections. In the California delegation, 59 delegates turned in ballots. One delegate's ballot only contained a vote for the Secretary race, but no vote for the Vice-Chair or Treasurer races. RONR p. 416-417, as well as footnote 2 on tinted-page 48, explain that it should not be counted as a ballot cast for the two races in which votes were not cast. So in the Secretary's race, the number of ballots cast from California was 59. In the Vice-Chair race, the number of ballots cast should have been 58, though it was recorded as 59 on the state tally sheet and in the onsite results. In the Treasurer's race, the tally sheet again reported 59 ballots, but the Secretary corrected it to be 58. Had the ballot count in the Vice-Chair race been corrected onsite, the results in the third round of the Vice-Chair's race would have reported 657 ballots, rather than 658, and each candidate's percentages would have increased very slightly. Alex Merced would still have won a majority vote, so the outcome was not changed by this error.

On the Pennsylvania tally sheet in the Treasurer's race, initially the delegation chair had written 2 votes for NOTA, but this was then crossed out, was rewritten as 0 votes for NOTA, with the delegation chair's initials

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beside the change. During data entry at the convention, I noticed their reported votes only added up to 26 votes, but their tally sheet reported 28 votes on 28 ballots. It seemed they hadn't updated their totals when they crossed out the 2 votes for NOTA, so I changed their totals to 26 votes on 26 ballots to match the other information on the tally sheet. During my audit, I found two ballots besides the votes noted on the tally sheet. One of them was blank, thus it does not count as a ballot cast. The other, however, contained 1 vote for NOTA. Their tally sheet should have instead reported 1 vote for NOTA, with a total of 27 votes on 27 ballots. Had this been caught onsite, the results in the Treasurer's race would have included 24 votes for NOTA rather than 23, and 653 ballots rather than 652. NOTA's vote percentage would have very slightly increased, and each other candidate's percentages would have very slightly decreased. Tim Hagan would still have won a majority vote, so the outcome was not changed by this error.

My audit found a few other anomalies which didn't impact any of the numbers reported. For instance, some write-in votes were either too ambiguous to identify as a particular person, or they were for ineligible candidates. RONR tinted-page 48 indicates that these should still be included in the number of votes cast. These should have been reported as either ambiguous or ineligible votes, rather than as valid write-in votes, however during the data entry phase I merely enter the total number of write-ins listed by the delegation chairs without spending the time to ponder each name and segregate the ambiguous/ineligible ones.

Each tally sheet asks the delegation chairs to fill in two blanks as a summary of their votes: "total votes" and "total ballots". In vote-for-one elections, these two numbers should match since each valid ballot would have one name on it. A surprising number of delegation chairs didn't understand what number should be entered in the "total votes" blank. Rather than totaling the number of votes cast for all the candidates combined, many would instead enter the total number of credentialed delegates in that affiliate, which was already pre-printed on their tally sheets anyway. These errors didn't cause any errors in reported results. During data entry it was obvious that the number of votes and ballots didn't match, and we used the correct numbers.

Vote-for-Multiple Elections

The larger number of human errors happens during elections in which delegates can vote for multiple candidates in the same race. These are at the end of our convention when there is high pressure to get things done in a hurry, and the convention continues to adopt resolutions while delegations are attempting to cast and tally their votes. Unlike the vote-for-one races, the ballots cannot just be sorted into a pile for each candidate because almost all of the ballots have multiple candidates on them, and using manual tally sheets takes more time and provides more opportunities for mistakes.

In 2016, the At-Large race had 418 delegates voting for 19 nominated candidates, and the Judicial Committee race had 365 delegates voting for 19 nominated candidates.

In 2018, the At-Large race had 603 delegates voting for 35 nominated candidates, and the Judicial Committee race had 501 delegates voting for 21 nominated candidates. It takes longer to tally votes manually when there are more delegates and candidates.

I note the following data found by my post-convention audits:

Year	Election	# of Ballots Cast	# of Affiliates Reporting	# of Affiliates with Errors on Tally Sheets	% of Affiliates with Errors on Tally Sheets
2014	At-Large	299	40	5	12.50%
2014	Judicial Committee	206	33	5	15.15%
2016	At-Large	418	46	13	28.26%
2016	Judicial Committee	365	46	12	26.09%
2018	At-Large	603	48	13	27.08%
2018	Judicial Committee	501	48	14	29.17%

Luckily, none of these errors changed the outcome of the elections, though they easily could have if the errors had happened to Candidate X rather than Candidate Y.

In addition to errors made by delegation chairs, mistakes happen during data entry. My 2018 audit found three data entry errors made in the originally reported At-Large results, and 0 made in the Judicial Committee results.

The extra review steps we have added to our processes catch some, but not yet all, of these human errors before results are announced.

In a few delegations, many of the delegates tended to “sign” their ballots, though they often just printed their own name, rather than using a cursive signature. Sometimes the delegates made little effort to distinguish the list of people for whom they were voting from the name of the delegate casting the ballot. This caused some problems for the tellers, making it hard to know whether or not a name was a write-in vote, and often requiring several repeat attempts to tally the same set of ballots.

### At-Large Election

This year, the initial At-Large tally was done under very different circumstances from those of the Judicial Committee tally, and the difference in the audit results is quite revealing. The At-Large tally started in the convention hall, with the adjournment clock quickly ticking away, with delegates conducting other business in the background, and delegates themselves complaining about the high levels of noise in the hall. Part of the way through the At-Large tally, we had to pause the process, distribute the ballots for the Judicial Committee, collect the ballots for the Judicial Committee, and then circle back to the At-Large tally. The convention adjourned when the Secretary’s tally had completed about 40 of the 48 reporting states.

Though tellers attempted to double-check the work of the delegation chairs, many mistakes still went undetected until the results were audited after the convention. Below is a listing of errors that were found only by the audit.

#### Data Entry Errors by the Secretary:

- IA – The tally sheets totals of 0 votes for NOTA and 1 write-in for Joe Hauptmann were mistakenly reversed to show 1 vote for NOTA and 0 write-ins
- NC – tally sheet reported 5 votes for Shipley, mistakenly entered as 6 votes
- PA – The tally sheet totals of 0 votes for NOTA and 2 write-ins were mistakenly reversed to show 2 votes for NOTA and 0 write-ins.

#### Errors by Delegation Chairs:

- CO – reported 24 ballots cast, actual was 23
- CO – tally sheet had 17 hash marks beside Joe Buchman’s name, but delegation chair wrote 12 in the blank for his vote total, actual total is 17
- CO – a vote for “Smith” without specifying whether it was for Heide Alejandro-Smith or for Joshua Smith was not included at all on the state tally sheet. RONR tinted-page 48 says the ambiguous vote does count in the total number of votes.
- CT - reported 3 votes for Henschman, actual was 2
- CT – reported 2 votes for Khosh-Sirat, actual was 3
- FL – reported 24 ballots cast, actual was 23
- FL – a vote for “Smith” without specifying whether it was for Heide Alejandro-Smith or for Joshua Smith was marked by the delegation as being ambiguous, but it was mistakenly credited to Joshua Smith rather than listed as ambiguous
- NC – reported 3 votes for Khosh-Sirat, actual was 4
- NC – reported 1 vote for Alejandro-Smith, actual was 3
- NC – reported 4 votes for Joshua Smith, actual was 3
- NC – tally sheet shows 0 votes for Heide Alejandro-Smith and 7 votes for Joshua Smith, actual is 1 vote for Heide Alejandro Smith and 6 votes for Joshua Smith
- PA – one ballot contains an utterly indecipherable entry which was not reported in their totals. RONR tinted-page 48 says the ambiguous vote does count in the total number of votes.
- SC – reported 0 votes for Drew Layda, actual was 1

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- TX – reported 18 votes for Hayes, actual was 19
- TX – reported 31 votes for Scheetz, but actual was 30 because one ballot voted for Scheetz twice
- TX – reported 9 votes for Shipley, actual was 11
- TX – reported 11 votes for Slowinski, actual was 10
- WI – reported 2 votes for Heide Alejandro-Smith, actual was 3
- WI – reported 6 votes for Joshua Smith, actual was 7
- WI – reported 4 votes for Thrasher, actual was 5
- WI – reported 5 votes for Vohra, actual was 7
- WI – mistake made in adding total votes, reported 137 though tally sheet showed 142; add the 5 vote increases above and actual total was 147

There were two items which were found to need a category shift during the audit. RONR tinted-page 48 indicates that votes for ambiguous or ineligible candidates should not actually be credited to those candidates, though they should be included in the total numbers of votes cast. The following two items are instances where a write-in vote was credited to an ineligible candidate, and it really should be categorized as an ambiguous/ineligible vote. These re-categorizations do not change the total number of votes reported.

- NH - Write-in for Zane Sarwark
- TX – Two write-in votes, one each for “Your Mom” and “Taxation is Theft”

After the convention, the LNC adopted a motion directing that two tellers appointed by the LNC Chair conduct a second audit of the At-Large election results. The Chair appointed Duke Van Horn and Richard Longstreth as tellers, and the second audit was also conducted with the original physical ballots cast by the delegates and the original physical state delegation tally sheets. Their subsequent audit found the following one additional issue:

- WA – a delegate had cast a vote for “Joe Benchman”. With a handwritten misspelling, both the state delegation and I had credited this vote to Joe Buchman. The tellers in the second audit noted that the same delegate had already voted for Joe Buchman, and it was more likely that the delegate intended to vote for Joe Bishop-Henchman. I agreed with their assessment.

Had these errors all been caught before the initial results were reported, the actual results would have been as follows with 602 total ballots cast:

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Sam Goldstein	327	54.319%
Joe Bishop-Henchman	312	51.827%
Joshua Smith	267	44.352%
Bill Redpath	267	44.352%
Alicia Mattson	231	38.372%
Steve Scheetz	229	38.040%
Daniel Hayes	228	37.874%
Joe Buchman	219	36.379%
Reza Khosh-Sirat	205	34.053%
Christopher Thrasher	185	30.731%
Ernest Hancock	120	19.934%
Arvin Vohra	117	19.435%
Heide Alejandro-Smith	117	19.435%
Brian Ellison	113	18.771%
Michael Pickens	110	18.272%
Justin O'Donnell	102	16.944%
Ben Farmer	97	16.113%
Mike Shipley	91	15.116%
Jesse Fullington	83	13.787%
James Weeks	80	13.289%
Drew Layda	76	12.625%

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Clayton Hunt	70	11.628%
Tyler Danke	55	9.136%
Traci Baker	53	8.804%
Brian Slowinski	51	8.472%
Andy Jacobs	51	8.472%
Marc Padilla	51	8.472%
Caitlin Cloven	46	7.641%
Susan Overeem	39	6.478%
Ben Leder	30	4.983%
Tony D'Orazio	20	3.322%
Victor Kocher	20	3.322%
Matt Schutter	19	3.156%
Joe Paschal	15	2.492%
Steven Brenize	10	1.661%
Write-In	9	1.495%
Ambiguous / Ineligible	6	0.997%
NOTA	1	0.166%

Judicial Committee Election

Following the At-Large results, I attended the post-convention LNC meeting, and then assembled a team of tellers to help conduct the Judicial Committee tally. The Judicial Committee tally was conducted with no time pressures, no interruptions, and no background noise in a quiet room.

Following the convention, I audited the Judicial Committee results to see how accurate the tally had been, I found ZERO real errors made during the Judicial Committee tally. The only thing that I found was that two of the write-ins are clearly ineligible, so they should just be re-classified as "ambiguous / ineligible" rather than as a valid "write-in", though they still get included in the totals.

Those of us doing that tally, late at night, after the post-convention LNC meeting, were all very tired, yet we achieved a perfect result when the conditions were favorable. Delegation chairs had been subjected to time pressures and noise of the convention hall, and they made a comparable number of errors on the state tally sheets. However, the tellers successfully caught and corrected all those errors before the results were aggregated and released.