

**Minutes (Draft), 2020 Libertarian Party of Virginia Convention
Hofheimer Building (2818 West Broad Street), Richmond, Virginia
March 14, 2020**

Call to order: 11:25 a.m.

Nick Dunbar, who organized the convention registration desk, informed the secretary that 62 LPVA members were present and eligible to vote.

Election of Credentials Committee Representative

Bo Brown (chair) inquired whether anyone wanted to serve as a member of the Credentials Committee for the upcoming national convention; Carl Wyzisk volunteered to serve. After discussion, Matt Cholko moved to elect Mr. Wyzisk to serve as a member of the Credentials Committee; the motion was approved.

Presentation of LPVA Awards

Mr. Brown recognized Charlie Millner, who presented the 2019 Libertarian Leader award to Derek Maddox. Mr. Brown then presented the LPVA Lifetime Achievement Award to the late Rick Sincere.

Officer Elections

Three members (Dean Davison, Nick Dunbar, and Joe Paschal) had previously indicated interest in serving as chair. Mr. Davison withdraw his name from consideration. Mr. Dunbar addressed the body and invited questions; Mr. Paschal addressed the body and invited questions.

A standing vote was conducted for each candidate and the option NOTA (“None of the Above”). The votes were as follows:

Dunbar: 38
Paschal: 20
NOTA: 1

Mr. Dunbar was elected to serve as chair.

One member (Juanita Billings) had previously indicated interest in serving as vice chair. Joe Paschal indicated his interest in serving as vice chair. Ms. Billings addressed the body and invited questions; Mr. Paschal addressed the body and invited questions.

A standing vote was conducted for each candidate and the option NOTA. The votes were as follows:

Billings: 25
Paschal: 31
NOTA: 1

Mr. Paschal was elected to serve as vice chair.

One member (Mr. Davison) had previously indicated interest in serving as secretary. Katie Wilson indicated her interest in serving as secretary. Mr. Davison addressed the body and invited questions; Ms. Wilson addressed the body and invited questions.

A standing vote was conducted for each candidate and the option NOTA. The votes were as follows:

Davison: 37
Wilson: 19
NOTA: 2

Mr. Davison was elected to serve as secretary.

One member (John Kennedy) had previously indicated interest in serving as treasurer. Mr. Kennedy addressed the body and invited questions.

A standing vote was conducted for Mr. Kennedy and the option NOTA. The votes were as follows:

Kennedy: 55
NOTA: 3

Mr. Kennedy was elected to serve as treasurer.

Mr. Brown offered comments about LPVA budgeting, and provided some information about the CRM (“Customer Relationship Management”) system the LPVA is now using.

The convention recessed at 12:20 p.m. for lunch. Several candidates for the LP presidential nomination (or their representatives) discussed their campaigns during the recess.

The convention resumed at 1:50 p.m. Jess Mears, membership manager at the Libertarian Party national headquarters, spoke about the importance of fundraising and membership renewals.

Election of Delegates to National Convention

Mr. Brown noted that the LPVA is entitled to send 35 delegates to the 2020 LP national convention (to take place May 22-25 in Austin, Texas). The following members in attendance indicated their desire to serve as delegates and their intention to attend the convention:

Joe Enroughty, Michael Bartley, John Kennedy, Andrew Watkins, Paul Bracco, Casey Hartman, Matt Cholko, Edward Leonard, James Curtis, Adam Theo, Carla Howell, Juanita Billings, Jose Guerra, Dennis Fusaro, Joseph Veldhuyzen, Albert Veldhuyzen, Carl Wyzisk, Brooks Lester, Joe Paschal, Jim Lark, and Bo Brown.

The following members indicated their interest in serving as delegates:

Howard Snowdon, Preston Harris, Pete Wells, Katie Wilson, Martin Overstrom, Logan Hoy, Robert Lynch, George Zsidisin, Ben Domenech, and Shelley Lester. (Note: Some of the members were not present; their names were added at their request.)

The following members indicated their interest in serving as alternates: John-Evert Veldhuyzen, Celeste Garrett, Kirby Myers, Paul Kunberger, and Dean Rodgers. (Note: Some of the members were not present; their names were added at their request.)

Mr. Fusaro moved to empower the delegation to elect up to four additional delegates and as many additional alternates as allowed. (The LPVA may have as many as 50 alternates.) After discussion, the motion was approved without objection.

Dr. Lark moved to elect the 31 delegate nominees to serve as delegates. The motion was approved without objection. Mr. Cholko moved to appoint the alternate nominees to serve as alternates; the motion was approved without objection.

Consideration of Resolutions

Ms. Billings moved that the convention adopt a resolution calling upon the State Central Committee to organize a state convention on or about June 11-13, 2021, and to organize a state convention on or about March 19, 2022. After discussion, James St. John moved to divide the question. After additional discussion, the motion to divide failed. After further discussion, Ms. Billings requested that her motion be withdrawn; the request to withdraw was approved without objection.

Mr. Brown moved that the convention adopt a resolution calling upon the State Central Committee to amend Article 4, section 4 of the LPVA bylaws to add seven director positions and information about their positions. Ms. Billings moved to amend the “information technology” part of a director title to “information systems.” The motion was approved. After further discussion, Ms. Wilson moved to table the motion; the motion to table was approved.

Consideration of Constitutional Changes

Logan Hoy moved to amend Article III, section 1 of the constitution to add “member-at-large” to the list of officers of the Party, and to add a new Section 7 to Article III to define the role of the “member-at-large.” After discussion, the motion was amended to specify that the “member-at-large” would be elected at the next regular state convention. After additional discussion, the motion failed to receive the 2/3rds vote necessary to amend the constitution.

Mr. St. John moved to have the LPVA endorse the U.S. Senate campaign of Daniel Gade. After discussion, Ms. Wilson moved to table Mr. St. John’s motion; the motion to table was approved.

Ms. Wilson moved to adjourn; the motion was approved without objection. The convention adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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