

# Minutes.

## **Libertarian National Committee Executive Committee. Regular Meeting, Wednesday, July 16, 1997. [Draft.]**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian National Committee was held on Wednesday, July 16, 1997, at 8:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time by telephone conference call.

All six of the voting members were present at the meeting:

- Stephen L. Dasbach, the chair;
- Karen A. Allard, the vice chair;
- Gary E. Johnson, the secretary;
- Hugh A. Butler, the treasurer;
- Joseph W. Dehn III, LNC representative; and
- William W. Hall, LNC representative.

Non-voting observers Ken Bisson, Candi Copas, Ron Crickenberger, Barbara Goushaw, Mark Tuniewicz, and Perry Willis were also present.

Steve Dasbach announced that Steve Winter has resigned from the LNC.

The national director, Perry Willis, reported that finances were doing well, with income in the past month far exceeding expenses.

Two to three teleconferences a week were being conducted with major donors. The 1996 Presidential candidate Harry Browne was also calling potential donors. Perry Willis said the goal was to raise \$250,000 to pay off the current debt and to start the membership prospecting mailings.

Perry Willis reported that Tiffany Rodney has taken over running the computer system from Dan Gallagher, who was working as a contractor on designing the Management Information System.

Perry Willis said he was writing the organizing manual and he expected to finish it in August.

Joe Dehn asked about money that had been raised for advertising. Perry Willis said \$15,000 had been raised for radio ads run in conjunction with 90-second commentaries by Harry Browne. Steve Dasbach noted that Harry Browne had raised the money.

Steve Dasbach announced that Randy Langhenry had asked to resign as editor of the newsletter LP News after the July issue was finished. Steve Dasbach said Randy Langhenry had been asked to continue until the August issue was finished and he had agreed to. Steve Dasbach announced he had appointed the director of communications, Bill Winter, to serve as acting editor until the next LNC meeting.

Steve Dasbach said he would like to see LP News produced in-house at the national headquarters and to hire an additional staff member for writing. He said advertising had started for hiring an experienced journalist in Washington, D.C., for about \$30,000 a year.

Karen Allard asked why Randy Langhenry resigned and Steve Dasbach said he had not given a reason. Steve Dasbach said Randy Langhenry had flown to Washington, D.C., to discuss with the staff improvements that could be made in the appearance and content of LP News and then decided two weeks later to step down. Joe Dehn said Randy Langhenry did not object to making improvements but said that if everything had to go through the office, why should he be editor. Mark Tuniewicz said LP News should be independent and express all points of view on internal party disagreements.

Karen Allard said an item on the agenda of the next LNC meeting should be to send Randy Langhenry a thank you letter for his years of work.

There was discussion of the rearrangement of staff duties when LP News was produced at the national headquarters. Perry Willis said it was still his intent to hire a graphic designer.

Steve Dasbach said John Buttrick, Dan Karlan, and Mark Tuniewicz has expressed interest in filling the at-large vacancy on the LNC after Steve Winter's resignation.

Steve Dasbach reported on the second Success '97 event. Like the first, it broke even financially. The next Success '97 will be video taped.

The political director, Ron Crickenberger, reported he was preparing a guide on how local candidates can get ballot access. He said his goal was to have at least 218 Congressional candidates and 1,000 candidates overall run in 1998. He described a campaign for Governor this year in New Jersey.

The legal counsel, Bill Hall, reported that an Arizona judge had dismissed a lawsuit by Peter Schmerl against the national party. Bill Hall said the party has asked the court to have the losing side pay the party's court costs.

Steve Dasbach said John Farnularo had told him he has the computer and corporate seal belonging to the party and he would return them after he received a letter requesting them.

Steve Dasbach said the LNC Executive Committee would not meet in August.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted, Gary E. Johnson, secretary.