

Minutes.

Libertarian National Committee Executive Committee. Regular Meeting, Wednesday, January 21, 1998. [Draft.]

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian National Committee was held on Wednesday, January 21, 1998, at 8:30 p.m. Eastern Standard 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, Ron Crickenberger, and Mark Tuniewicz were also present.

Steve Dasbach reported that the Sheraton Washington Hotel had cancelled the previous week its contract with the LP for the July 1998 national convention. The hotel management wanted to close for remodeling.

He said he was flying to Washington to arrange for alternate facilities, possibly the Washington Convention Center and one of the three hotels nearby.

Bill Hall said the contract provided for the Sheraton hotel to pay the party a \$120,000 penalty if the hotel cancelled the contract. He said the hotel's sales account representative had acknowledged this provision in a telephone call the previous week. Bill Hall said the original proposed contract contained a penalty only if the LP cancelled and he had insisted that the contract contain penalties if either side cancelled, saying "Fair is fair."

Steve Dasbach described the Convention Center, which he said was available, and the three hotels nearby. He said the Sheraton had agreed to continue to accept reservations and that these would be transferred to the newly chosen hotel.

The national director, Ron Crickenberger, reported that he had attended a Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) banquet as a guest of Roy Innis.

Joe Dehn described his redesign of the Web site. Ron Crickenberger said the headquarters was accepting bids for designing the Web site.

Ron Crickenberger said the party had gained control of the toll-free telephone number 1-800-ELECT-US.

Ron Crickenberger said he wanted to send out a mailing to proven mailing lists before the next test mailing.

Karen Allard moved to authorize \$60,000 for mailing to proven mailing lists before the next test mailing. The motion passed.

Steve Dasbach reported that the independent auditor had made a mistake when it said there was a \$40,000 error in accounts payable. In fact, the party's financials were right. The independent auditor will issue a corrected report. Hugh Butler said this was outrageous.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. EST

Respectfully submitted, Gary E. Johnson, secretary.