

LAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES FEBRUARY 29, 2024

MEMBERS	ALTERNATES	GUESTS
SYLVIA ARROWWOOD	DEAN RODGERS (A6)	JACK BLUE
PAUL BRACCO		
NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI		
CARYN ANN HARLOS		
ROB LATHAM		
FRANK MARTIN		
CHUCK MOULTON		
TOM ROWLETTE		
DAVID ROBERSON (A2)		
DATA LOGAN (A5)		

Meeting Called to Order at 9:06 PM ET

PUBLIC COMMENT: MOULTON: Email message sent to TOMASSO returned as not received. **HARLOS:** He has not been active. Will check on that.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of 2-15-24 **APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION.**

DRAFT REPORT: HARLOS: This is report that we can all agree contains ordering all agreed upon. There are 15 proposals on here. MOULTON has been able to work on rationales. LATHAM and BRACCO also on that committee. Agreed to meet and discuss soon as possible. Plan to get survey out for first six. Will keep tweaking these. Our report is not final until we vote on the entire report hopefully a few weeks before convention to include the first six and perhaps three from the Platform Committee. Some members would rather do something else than read bylaw proposals but many are interested in platform. Will do better to work with Platform Committee. Have labeled proposals with numbers and noted “previously H” or whatever the letter designation. Will be a cross-index so we can always cross reference. Moved everything yellow-lined to its own report. As a committee we now have three reports to view. Now have what we will look at, everything that’s yellow and everything that’s red. We can decide how to handle yellow and red. It’s a work in progress so we won’t be scrambling at end. Provisos are all in line with what was passed.

Cannot look at rationales tonight. We need to look at tonight what was formerly T. Will be in second survey as it’s 12. This holds to spirit of what we have already passed. Will need to repass this as it is not exqactly as we passed prior. Changes to order of business are the same. We changed title to “Balloting Procedure” vs “Polling Procedure”. That’s good name

for it. Put in everything dealing with electronic voting except where it talks about readable ballots being used. Red language was stricken and moved except for first sentence. First sentence only was removed. Secretaries do not declare voting closed. Chairs do that. RONR says that. Don't need to put in. So there is a little cleanup in electronic balloting. Do you want to take a vote now or do later? It's 12 so there's no hurry. Purple is for our use only to show what was excised. Will put explanatory note so delegates will know which language was permanently excised. Might need a footnote to let delegates know what is permanently gone. Right now purple in there for our reference.

Do you want to look at it further or reapprove it tonight?

MOULTON: Ready to approve tonight if others agree but feel language is too wordy but it would improve trepidation about electronic voting. In six or ten years, we might fix the language when electronic voting is no longer the boogiemán.

HARLOS: Will clean and tighten up language.

MOULTON: No one else has spoken up. Motion to end debate. SEEBECK not present so we can perhaps make amendments here? Looks like soe extra duties for the head teller position.

HARLOS: More wording stays the same in electronic voting, the better. Should not explain changes that are not substantive. Can clean up later. I'm ready to vote as well. Does anyone else have anything to add? (No Response) Is there any objection as to the electronic voting proposal? (No Response) **PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.** Will let them know what has been lost and everything else has been shift around. That's important for the delegates to know.

That's all that is on agenda for tonight but if there is anything else you wish to discuss, let me know. Otherwise, we have some marching orders which will recap before we adjourn. (No Response) We will meet in two weeks. First week Rationales Committee will work on first six proposals. After that week is up, will be safe for me to get a survey sent out.. Will get Survey Monkey out. Appreciate any donations. Will make my donation tonight. Will try to get survey out as soon as possible. Ours will be done if Platform Committee is ready or not. They have an intellectual property plank which will get a lot of feedback I'm sure. They have a couple items that might get spicy to get in. SEEBECK is chair of Platform. Hope to have survey out before next meeting.

Will work on clearing up language or electronic voting and explanatory language.

MOULTON: If Rationales Committee does not come to agreement on first six, do you want to send out anyway? Do not care either way.

HARLOS: If not in agreement, whatever the two of three agree upon. We will all vote. No one allowed to abstain. Well, maybe someone will abstain. If anything comes to loggerhead, then will use what I wrote. Fallback will be what I have already written. Most likely you folks will come to an agreement.

By next week, survey may have gone out. Ask Rationales Committee after they have done first six, since we will try for six at a time, next meeting will bring backup again the dual affiliation language. We all know drama is going on in the party. Know there is a new national party formed. Part of the game plan to try to divide the LP is to try and get affiliates to affiliate with both national parties. That will be a disaster for us. What if there are two different presidential candidates? People have to decide. If they want to join another national party, wish them luck. Let them do that but you can't have your cake and eat it too. Are you an affiliate of the LP National Party or are you an affiliate of another national party? We should not allow our bylaws to play these games. That game plan has already been leaked as a way to further fracture the party. It's our job to protect the party and will bring back up that there is no dual affiliation permitted.

MOULTON: Can we discuss that now?

HARLOS: We can discuss it now. Would not want to vote on it now as some members not here but there is no reason why we cannot discuss it.

MOULTON: Don't see why we can't vote now. Alternates are here. That's the purpose of Alternates.

HARLOS: There has been no notice. Don't think we are breaking any rules but personally not feel comfortable. Could go to an email ballot and tell people to look at recording for the discussion. Let me find it and put it up so we can tweak it. I did withdraw LL.

DEBATE AS TO PROPOSAL LL: No affiliate party shall [be an affiliate or other constituent affiliate unit of any other political party or, . . .](#) Would prefer this be a separate proposal. It's two separate concepts, the endorsement concept and this would deal with same portion of the bylaws. (Video portion begins at 46:00)

ROWLETTE: Think we should vote on this at next meeting. It was not put in the agenda notice. It's good practice not to vote on anything not noticed. Not fan of new Liberal Party.

CONTINUED DEBATE AS TO PROPOSAL LL

HARLOS: Will put on list for next meeting. By default, this will probably be last proposal if it passes. If we want to move up, will take care of that at end. If we want to shift priorities, we can do that.

ROWLETTE: Would like to see people welcomed back after a few years after people have settled down and hope they will, to be okay with saying “water under the bridge”.

MOULTON: Agree with ROWLETTE but that’s not a bylaw issue. It’s a human behavior issue. Would it be okay when we next meet to pass this proposal but make it yellow?

HARLOS: Anyone else have anything to say on this proposal? It’s a two-step process and would be in order at next meeting.

MOULTON: If it’s a two-step process, cannot support more proposals. Will vote against this. If could vote in one step and make it yellow, would be in favor of that. Do not think this is more important than other yellows we now have.

HARLOS: If committee thinks it could be done in one step, a majority of committee could overrule me. The committee will decide that.

DEBATE CONTINUED ON PROPOSAL LL

HARLOS: Will put on list items on the agenda for next time. For MOULTON’s position, we will have committee decide so it won’t be a decision from me. You might want to make a motion that any new proposals will be yellow. That would be way –

MOULTON: So moved.

HARLOS: Not in favor of that. Trying to facilitate getting a decision of the committee. Next meeting March 15.

Adjourn at 10:32 PM ET.

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