

Minutes of the 2018 Libertarian Party Bylaws and Rules Committee

An electronic meeting of the Bylaws and Rules Committee was called to order at 6:17 pm Pacific Time on June 26, 2017 by Chairman Joshua Katz. The meeting was conducted via Adobe Connect.

In attendance were:

M Carling
Andy Craig
David Demarest
Caryn Ann Harlos
Joseph Henchman (Vice-Chair)
Joshua Katz (Chair)
Alicia Mattson
Chuck Moulton
Kimberly Ruff
Aaron Starr (Secretary)

In accordance with LNC Policy Manual Section 1.02.7 regarding conduct of electronic meetings, the meeting had been called for May 18, 2017 by Caryn Ann Harlos, Chuck Moulton, David Demarest, and Kimberly Ruff for considering items of business related to the public conduct of business and minority reports. Mr. Katz had sent notice of the meeting to the committee on May 3, 2017. The agenda was not completed on May 18, and an adjourned meeting was set for June 26, 2017 to continue the agenda.

Motion to Correct Minutes of May 18 Meeting

Mr. Starr had distributed minutes of May 18 meeting by email. The Chair asked if there were any corrections to the minutes.

Mr. Henchman moved to add roll call details of the votes, as he had distributed by email. There was an objection to the proposed correction. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5-3.

There being no further corrections, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Motion Pending at Last Adjournment

The body proceeding to take up the motion pending at last adjournment, Motion 2b (second part of motion divided in May 18 meeting):

Any person may record the Bylaws and Rules Committee's proceedings while in open session.

Mr. Moulton moved to table in order to first take up Mr. Henschman's proposed motion, which reads as follows:

RESOLVED, the Bylaws and Rules Committee, pursuant to its authority under LNC 1.02.7k to opt to consent to have meetings recorded, and to facilitate such recordation, does consent to recordation of its meetings while in open session; shall, except when in executive session, conduct its votes in meetings open to Party members; and shall record in the minutes the yays and nays by person for each roll call vote or main motion electronic vote.

The motion to table failed by a vote of 4-4. We returned to the pending motion.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend to change "person" to "party member," so that it reads:

Any party member may record the Bylaws and Rules Committee's proceedings while in open session.

The amendment was adopted by a vote of 5-3.

The main motion, as amended, was adopted by a vote of 5-3.

Motion on Recording of Meetings and Votes

Mr. Henschman moved the following:

RESOLVED, the Bylaws and Rules Committee, pursuant to its authority under LNC 1.02.7k to opt to consent to have meetings recorded, and to facilitate such recordation, does consent to recordation of its meetings while in open session; shall, except when in executive session, conduct its votes in meetings open to Party members; and shall record in the minutes the yays and nays by person for each roll call vote or main motion electronic vote.

Ms. Mattson requested the motion be divided:

RESOLVED, the Bylaws and Rules Committee, pursuant to its authority under LNC 1.02.7k to opt to consent to have meetings recorded, and to facilitate such recordation, does consent to recordation of its meetings while in open session.

RESOLVED, the Bylaws and Rules Committee, shall, except when in executive session, conduct its votes in meetings open to Party members; and shall record in the minutes the yays and nays by person for each roll call vote or main motion electronic vote.

The Chair ruled the first half out of order, given the motion just previously adopted, making the divided motion under consideration:

RESOLVED, the Bylaws and Rules Committee, shall, except when in executive session, conduct its votes in meetings open to Party members; and shall record in the minutes the yays and nays by person for each roll call vote or main motion electronic vote.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend by striking "the Bylaws and Rules Committee shall conduct its votes in meetings open to Party members" and insert "The Bylaws and Rules Committee meetings shall be open to Party members".

Without objection Ms. Mattson corrected her motion so that the amendment would change the main motion to read:

The Bylaws and Rules Committee meetings shall, except when in executive session, be open to Party members and the Bylaws and Rules Committee shall record in the minutes the yays and nays by person for each roll call vote or main motion electronic vote.

There was no objection to the amendment.

Mr. Starr moved to divide the question to separately address open meetings and votes recorded in the minutes. The Chair ruled that the nature of the question was such that it can be divided by the demand of one member. As divided, the motions read as follows:

The Bylaws and Rules Committee meetings shall, except when in executive session, be open to Party members.

Bylaws and Rules Committee shall record in the minutes the yays and nays by person for each roll call vote or main motion electronic vote.

Addressing the first half:

The Bylaws and Rules Committee meetings shall, except when in executive session, be open to Party members.

The motion was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Addressing the second half:

Bylaws and Rules Committee shall record in the minutes the yays and nays by person for each roll call vote or main motion electronic vote.

Following debate, the motion failed by a vote of 5-5.

Motion on Email Discussions

Ms. Harlos moved the following:

There will be no prohibition on committee members openly discussing items which took place during email discussions, provided there is no block copy/pasting.

Mr. Starr raised a point of order based on RONR p. 528:

“No one can make allusions in the assembly to what has occurred during the deliberations of the committee, however, unless it is by report of the committee or by unanimous consent.”

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken and the motion in order. Starr appealed the ruling of the chair. Following debate, the vote on the appeal was 4 to sustain and 5 to overturn, making the motion out of order.

Mr. Carling moved to adjourn. The motion failed by a vote of 4-4.

Motion on Committee Contact Information

Mr. Moulton moved:

The Bylaws and Rules Committee chair is directed to ask staff to list email addresses and/or phone numbers on the website for each Bylaws and Rules Committee member at their individual option to choose to do so.

Following discussion, the motion was withdrawn without objection.

Mr. Carling moved to adjourn. The motion failed by a vote of 4-4.

Mr. Starr moved to set the time at which to adjourn to 8:15 pm Pacific /11:15 pm Eastern. The motion was adopted by a vote of 6-2.

Motion on Dissemination of Minutes

Ms. Harlos moved to:

Make the minutes of the committee available to the public.

Mr. Carling moved to reconsider the motion to amend the minutes, adopted at the beginning of the meeting. The motion could not be taken up immediately with a motion pending, but is considered suspended for the member to call up later.

The pending motion failed by a vote of 5-5.

Mr. Carling called up the motion to reconsider.

Following debate, the motion to reconsider was adopted by a vote of 6-2.

It being 8:17 pm Pacific Time, the orders of the day were for adjournment, but Mr. Craig moved to extend the time for adjournment by 5 minutes to deal with the motion being reconsidered. There was no objection to setting aside the orders of the day for that purpose.

The committee reconsidered Mr. Henchman's motion to add roll call details of the votes to the minutes.

Following debate, the reconsidered motion failed by a vote of 5-5. There being no further corrections to the minutes, the minutes were adopted as distributed by email by the Secretary.

Mr. Carling moved to:

Make the minutes of the May 18 meeting and the June 26 minutes public.

Mr. Carling then moved to amend to strike "and the June 26 minutes". There was no objection to the amendment. The amended motion read:

Make the minutes of the May 18 meeting public.

The motion was adopted by a vote of 8-1.

The time extension having expired, orders of the day were for adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm Pacific.