

# Minutes.

## **Libertarian National Committee Executive Committee. Regular Meeting, Monday, August 7, 1995. *[Second Draft.]***

A regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian National Committee was held on Monday, August 7, 1995, at 8:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time, by telephone conference call.

Four of the five voting members were present at the beginning of the meeting:

- the chair, Steve Dasbach,
- the secretary, John D. Famularo,
- the treasurer, Hugh A. Butler, and
- the LNC representative, Sharon Ayres.

The vice chair, Karen Allard, was absent. Non-voting observers were also present.

Steve Dasbach noted that the meeting time was changed to Monday from the usual time on alternating Wednesdays.

The national director, Perry Willis, reported that the furniture at the new headquarters had been constructed and the in-house telemarketing operation was up and running. Alexis Thompson had been provided with information about the operation so she could phase out her telemarketing in Arizona.

Perry Willis reported that the local property and franchise taxes had been paid. He said the prospecting fund raising letter would be sent out. He added that a fund raising mailing in September would use a split-list test, to compare responses to personalized and non-personalized letters.

Perry Willis detailed several adjustments in the budget that would have a net effect of zero on the bottom line, but would allow \$20,140.50 to be spent on ballot access. The additional available funds were due to income from the Major Donor Program. He made these adjustments on his own authority and no action by the LNC Executive Committee was necessary.

Perry Willis said that, due to an offer by the seller, the office furniture would cost \$4,500 more this year than expected, but the total price in the long run would be cut \$4,500.

Separately, Perry Willis recommended the following budget changes, which also have a net effect of zero:

- Reduce Office Moving Expense \$2,175.00;
- Increase Major Donor Expense \$5,849.00;
- Reduce Contingency Fund \$9,255.00;
- Reduce LNC Expense \$914.98;
- Increase Property Tax Expense \$914.98;
- Increase Software and Equipment Expense \$5,891.01; and
- Increase Physical Plant Expense \$5,538.99.

Hugh Butler moved to adopt these budget changes. The motion passed.

Steve Dasbach reported that the voter registration drive in Arizona may cost more than expected because not enough petitioners may be available to register voters as Libertarian in Tucson, which is the only place the Kahn for Mayor matching funds may be spent. He said as much as an additional \$6,000 may be needed in order to put available petitioners in Phoenix to work.

Steve Dasbach said he had approached the campaigns of the three announced candidates for the Presidential nomination -- Harry Browne, Irwin Schiff, and Rick Tompkins -- as well as Arizona LP chair Tamara Clark. Jeff Kanter of the Schiff campaign indicated that they were not in a position to help at this time. Tamara Clark indicated that she would bring the matter up at the Tompkins campaign and Arizona LP meetings later this week and get back to Steve Dasbach, but that she welcomed any help the national LP could provide.

Sharon Ayres said the Browne campaign had offered to pay one-third of the cost.

Steve Dasbach recommended that the LNC appropriate \$1,500 at this time. Hugh Butler moved to release an additional \$1,500 to Alexis Thompson in Tucson to pay for the Arizona voter registration for ballot access. The motion passed.

Ron Crickenberger reported on Campaigns. He said 50 candidates for 1995 and 1996 had been identified. He had received 51 responses to the candidate survey, getting close to a 10 percent response.

The director of communications, Bill Winter, reported that the latest Project Times Two had been sent to state party chairs. Bill Winter said he planned to prepare one more incremental edition of Liberty Today and then prepare a new publication to replace the current tabloid. He was working on a prospecting letter, the next Libertarian Volunteer newsletter, and the August state chairs' mailing.

Perry Willis said the project manager, Cynthia Fellows, was working on an Activist Directory.

Bill Winter reported on a planned meeting of state chairs October 7-8 in Washington, D.C., the fact that the organizers are billing it as a meeting of "the Council of State Chairs," and on his recent conversation with Alicia Clark, the former national chair. Alicia Clark confirmed that she is still serving as the Chair of the Council of State Chairs, an organization she founded in 1981, and that the next meeting of the Council will be held in conjunction with the 1996 LP Convention. She indicated that she was delighted to hear that state chairs would be meeting to share ideas, but that neither she nor the Council of State Chairs was involved in setting up the October meeting.

Alicia Clark also indicated that she plans to step down as chair of the CSC after the next national convention and would like to invite suggestions for a new CSC chair in LP News. Her view was that the chair of the CSC should be someone of stature within the LP, but not serving as a state chair. This would help provide continuity from convention to convention.

Bill Winter also reported that the headquarters had received several calls from state chairs wanting information about the conference. He reported that there seems to be confusion about who is putting on this conference. The committee discussed ways to let state chairs know that this was not a meeting of the Council of State Chairs headed by Alicia Clark without discouraging people from attending.

The consensus of the discussion was to clarify the situation in the next regular mailing to state chairs, privately request that the organizers of the October meeting stop using the CSC name, and publish an article in LP News describing the historical background and structure of the CSC to help avoid future confusion. This article would also include the information about Alicia Clark's plans to step down as chair of the CSC after the next convention."

Separately, it was noted that the national headquarters would hold an open house at its Watergate office on October 7 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. State chairs who are attending the October 7 conference will be invited to stop by October 6 and tour the new headquarters, when the headquarters will stay open until 7 p.m. to accommodate late arrivals.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. EDT. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 16.

Respectfully submitted, Gary E. Johnson, recording secretary.