

# LP Executive Committee

A regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian National Committee was held on Sunday, October 16, 1994, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time, by telephone conference call.

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

- The chair, Steve Dasbach;
- The vice chair, Karen Allard;
- The treasurer, Hugh A. Butler;
- The LNC representative, Sharon Ayres.

The secretary, John D. Famularo, arrived after the meeting started. Non-voting observers were also present.

The national director, Perry Willis, said the most recent report to the Federal Election Commission had been filed on time. He said the preparation of the report was more automated than before; but, the party would like to get the FEC to approve a format before the next report was due.

He said revenue was increasing and that another mailing to long-term expired members was being prepared. Membership was back up to 10,090. (The peak had been 11,627 on February 28, 1993.) He reported that Alexis Thompson had said phone solicitations were going well.

Perry Willis said there had been some absenteeism problems with a staff member.

The director of communications, Bill Winter, said he would write a fund raising letter and redesign a brochure, "The LP Represents You." He planned to issue some news releases on strategy and politics emphasizing that the party was running 662 candidates.

Karen Allard reported on Ballot Access. She said she had talked with the Maryland LP about the 51 in '96 Committee helping financially with a ballot drive. She said that she would like to add a part-time worker to the headquarters staff to handle ballot access so the Ballot Access chair, Bill Redpath, could act more as a consultant.

Karen Allard reported on Affiliate Parties. She discussed concerns that had been expressed by our field organizer about late payments.

Perry Willis acknowledged that the contractor had been paid late more than once, but said it was only a day late. He also said that on other occasions the contractor had been paid in advance. However, he regretted the late payments.

Bill Winter said that excellent organizing progress has been made in Rhode Island and West Virginia, with help from the National HQ office staff.

(Ron Crickenberger joined the meeting at 9:35 p.m. EDT.)

Ron Crickenberger reported on Campaigns. He said he had decided to help fund one campaign outside of New Hampshire: Robert Heitner, a candidate in New Jersey for Sussex County freeholder.

Ron Crickenberger said he still had not heard from Tamara Clark, a candidate in Nevada who had received substantial financial assistance. Hugh Butler said the failure of Tamara Clark to provide receipts or to keep her promise to help another Nevada candidate, Paul Pratt, would be discussed at the December meeting of the LNC.

(John Famularo joined the meeting at 10:00 p.m. EDT.)

The organization of the budget and the headquarters accounting system were discussed. Hugh Butler expressed a preference to raise funds in advance to pay for fixed costs.

Perry Willis said the current revenue sources could not bring in enough to pay for all of the ballot access drives in 1995 and 1996. Steve Dasbach said large donors could be approached in conjunction with the Presidential campaigns. Steve

Dasbach and Sharon Ayres suggested that, perhaps, the budget should allow for a segregated fund, such as a building fund. Problems with the accounting software program DacEasy were reviewed and it became apparent that Perry Willis would not be giving any testimonials for the product any time soon.

Karen Allard said the 1995 budget should include a new employee in the headquarters for Ballot Access. She said funding for Affiliate Parties would be reduced and there would be no field organizing.

Ron Crickenberger said the 1995 budget should include more funding for campaign workshops.

Steve Dasbach said he would like for the Executive Committee to prepare a draft 1995 budget and send it to the LNC for comment prior to preparing the budget that will be submitted at the LNC meeting in December.

Perry Willis suggested that the Executive Committee meet once a month instead of every two weeks. Sharon Ayres strongly disagreed and noted that the frequent telephone conference calls saved Perry Willis from writing reports.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m. EDT.

*Respectfully submitted, Gary E. Johnson, recording secretary.*