

2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION | MINUTES

3/18/2017 2:00 PM | Holiday Inn Concord, NH

Meeting called by	Darryl W. Perry – Chair	
Type of meeting	Annual Convention – Business Session	
Note taker	Jilletta Jarvis	
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	Patrick McKnight's Speech	YouTube Link
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	Robert Lombardo's Speech	YouTube Link
	Jilletta Jarvis's Speech	YouTube Link
	Matt Philip's Speech	YouTube Link
	Carla Howell's Speech	YouTube Link

AGENDA TOPICS

Call to Order & Welcome

Darryl W. Perry

Welcome from Chair

Motion to Amend Agenda due to time needed for New Business (amendment requests) to move elections to beginning of agenda **Rodger Paxton**

Discussion regarding late comers to session

Daniel Fishman

Amendment to Motion: Amend Agenda to move Elections to after reports

Rodger Paxton

Motion Seconded and Passed on voice vote

Agenda Amended

Report from Regional Director

Patrick McKnight

Link posted at top of document

"Reasons I Switched to the Libertarian Party"

Caleb Dyer

Link posted at top of document

Chair Report over last 6 months (Since September Business Convention)

Great strides – largest convention since 2008

Have a Libertarian State Rep serving most of his term as a Libertarian for first time in 20 years

Brian McQuade has done a great job getting new members and renewals and gotten our membership database up to date

Jilletta Jarvis and Darryl Perry met with some Russian Delegates thanks to the World Affairs Council at Southern NH University – Russians interested in plight of minor parties in the US

Already recruited Candidate for Governor, 3 Candidates for US Congress, 3 Candidates for State Senate, and 14 or 15 Candidates for State Representatives and most likely several more to come as well as county level candidates as well

LPNH was represented at the Liberty Forum this year and Darryl was invited to speak at that event as Chair of Party. We signed up 4 new members, & sold 5 convention tickets

For the first time in a while, the Executive Committee is holding regular meeting and posting the minutes of those meetings on the newly designed LPNH website (by Brian Chabot)

We have pushed forward putting party principle before individual interests and as a team we accomplished this in just 6 months

Plans for the future include:

- Setting up tables at county faires including Concord Market Days
- More representation at state & local events

Hopefully have a bigger and better convention next year with workshops and more activities

Treasury Report

Tom Kershaw

We are in a stronger financial position now then we have been in quite some time.

Expanding into the use of PayPal and Bitcoin have helped this.

We have merchandise, lapel pins, bumper stickers, and t-shirts

Bank Balance stands at \$6,879

Some expenses will be coming out of that due to the convention

With Membership Drives, Renewals and such we are holding strong

More updates with the post mortem on expenses from the convention will be provided at the next Executive Council Meeting (Secretary's addition to notes: next EC meeting will be held in April and minutes will be posted to LPNH website)

Discussion regarding raise in donations

Heather Mullins

LP National report shows 186 bylaw sustaining members of LP National that are from NH. Trying to get more of those people to be members with LPNH as well

Currently have 101 LPNH Members

At last convention in September we had 62 LPNH Member

That’s a gain of 39 members, or a 63% increase

Want to recognize & thanks our Lifetime Members:

- Darryl W. Perry
- Victoria Saucier
- John Babiarz
- Rosalie Babiarz

If re-elected, goals for going forward:

- Getting members from some of our northern counties
- Current Membership by County:
 - Belknap = 1
 - Carroll = 3
 - Cheshire = 6
 - Coos = 0 Plans to change this!
 - Grafton = 4
 - Hillsborough = 38
 - Merrimack = 9
 - Rockingham = 17
 - Stratford = 14
 - Sullivan = 1
 - Out of State = 8
- Credentialing:
 - Delegates = 34 in attendance
 - 30 votes for a 7/8 majority
 - 28 votes for a 3/4 majority
 - 23 for a 2/3 majority

Officer Elections

Darryl W. Perry

Position of Chair – nomination of Darryl W. Perry

Jilletta Jarvis

Seconded & Accepted

Position of Chair – nomination of Max Abramson

Moe Egan

Seconded & Accepted

Motion to allow Candidate Statements at 2 minutes each

Max gave Candidate speech in support of his nomination and focusing energy campaign **Max Abramson**
focus strategies

Officer Elections

Darryl W. Perry

Darryl gave brief speech to request that the whole team be re-elected to work as a team **Darryl W. Perry**

Rodger Paxton Presided over Chair Election

LP National Delegate Patrick McKnight handled ballot counting with assistance of Heather Mullins

Question regarding number of Vice-Chairs **Dan Fisher**

Darryl W Perry won by a ballot vote count of 22 to 13

POINT OF INFORMATION: 35 votes in last election – only should have been 34. Please **Rodger Paxton** only vote if you have a yellow name tag. 1 vote less in either tally would not change results for this election but please be careful to only vote if you are a delegate

Position of Vice-Chair – nomination of Rodger Paxton **Caleb Dyer**

Seconded & Accepted

No additional nominations

Rodger Paxton won Voice vote with a single opposition vote

Position of Secretary – nomination of Jilletta Jarvis **Brian McQuade**

Seconded & Accepted

Jilletta Jarvis won unanimous voice vote

Position of Treasurer – nomination of Tom Kershaw **Rodger Paxton**

Seconded & Accepted

Tom Kershaw won unanimous voice vote

Position of Chair of Membership Committee – nomination of Brian McQuade **Rodger Paxton**

Seconded & Accepted

Brian McQuade won unanimous voice vote

Position of Chair of Judicial Committee – nomination of John Babiarz **Brian McQuade**

POINT OF INFORMATION: What is the job description of the Judiciary Committee? **Caleb Dyer**

ANSWER: If there are disputes, if someone feels there has been a violation of the Constitution or Bylaws or Platform they could appeal that decision to the Judicial Committee, or if there is a dispute about something that happens at this convention it could be appealed to the Judicial Committee for review.

Officer Elections

Darryl W. Perry

Nomination of Chair of Judicial Committee Seconded & Accepted

John Babiarz won unanimous voice vote

Committee Member Elections

Darryl W. Perry

Position of Membership Committee Members – Nominations of:

Brian McQuade

- Brian Shields - Seconded & Accepted
- Robert Lombardo – Seconded. Not in room, accepted later during the event
- Linda Keane – Seconded & Accepted
- Sean Michalski to membership committee - Seconded & Accepted

Neal Connor

POINT OF CLARIFICATION: Event Coordinator does this fall under the purview of the Membership Coordinator

Caleb Dyer

ANSWER – Event Coordinator is not a position

Discussion regarding number of members allowed on committee

Sean Michalski

MOTION: motion to nominate as a slate

Rodger Paxton

Motion Seconded

Motion passed on voice vote

Motion to vote on the slate of 4 committee members

Seconded

Slate of 4 committee Members passed on voice vote

Position of Judicial Committee Members – nomination of Caleb Dyer

Jessica Paxton

Seconded & Accepted

Position of Judicial Committee Members – nomination of:

Rich Tomasso

- Rosalie Babiarz = Seconded & Accepted
- Max Abramson = Seconded & Not Accepted
- Chip Spangler - Seconded & Accepted
- Brian Chabot – Seconded & Accepted

Caleb Dyer

Sean Michalski

POINT OF HISTORICAL INFORMATION: The Judicial Committee serves as our appellate body that serves for our body or executive body when they are in conflict of our principles and Constitution & Bylaws and has long been held by members of long standing that have shown their commitment to the party and their principles. If you're thinking of people to nominate, keep that in mind. For the record - this body has met maybe 2 or 3 times in the last 40 years.

Rich Tomasso

Ballot Vote: select 2 names

LP National Regional Director Counting Ballots with help from Heather Mullins

POINT OF INFORMATION: When the person picking up the ballots could verify that they are picking up ballots from delegates so they are not picking them up from people who can't vote.

Dan Fishman

POINT OF ORDER: Is there actually a limit to the number of people on the Judicial Committee?

Sean Michalski

ANSWER: There is not a limit, again the figure is based on historically used. It is not in the Constitution or Bylaws

Discussion regarding voting on slate of committee members

MOTION: I would move that we accept the full slate of 4 nominees in addition to the chair to serve on the committee

Seconded

Discussion on suspending rules in the middle of a vote

Rich Tomasso

Dan Fishman

Sean Michalski

QUESTION CALLED

Motion passed by Hand Vote 23 in favor

POINT OF ORDER: You did not actually vote on the members, just to increase the number of member.

Victoria Saucier

CHALLENGE TO THE CHAIR: You cannot change the rules of a vote in the middle of a vote. What we just did was a violation of Roberts Rules of Order.

Rich Tomasso

VOTE TO SUSTAIN THE RULE OF THE CHAIR: Motion passed in hand vote with 19 in favor

Voice Vote to elect the 4 aforementioned individuals to the Judiciary Committee.

Motion Passed with Voice vote with 1 opposed

MOTION for 5 minute recess – seconded, no opposition. Motion passed

DELEGATE COUNT CHANGE

35 Delegates now in attendance

3/4 majority requires 27 votes

2/3 majority requires 24 votes

Simple majority requires 17 votes

Constitution & Bylaw Amendments

Darryl W. Perry

Proposal 1 – Constitutional Amendment to correct spelling of By-laws to Bylaws throughout Constitution and in Bylaws

Move to Accept Proposal - Seconded

Motion Passes in voice vote with 1 opposed.

POINT OF CLARIFICATION: A packet was just handed out, is this in addition to what is in the program?

ANSWER: Anything that was just handed out would be an addition to be considered after the motions in the program

Proposal 2 – Constitutional Amendment to Add Article IX Section 3 d: Consider modification to the party platform

MOTION to divide and vote on each proposal separately - seconded.

Motion Passes in unanimous voice vote

MOTION to vote - seconded

Motion Passes in voice vote with 1 opposed.

Proposal 2 – Constitutional Amendment to Add Article VI: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM (renumber accordingly)

1. The Statement of Principles affirms that philosophy upon which the Libertarian Party is founded, by which it shall be sustained, and through which liberty shall prevail. The enduring importance of the Statement of Principles requires that it may be amended only by a vote of 7/8 of all registered delegates at a Regular Convention.

2. The Party Platform shall include, but not be limited to, the Statement of Principles and the implementation of those principles in the form of planks.

3. The current Platform shall serve as the basis of all future platforms. The existing Platform may be amended only at Regular Conventions. Additional planks, or additions to planks, must be approved by 2/3 vote. A platform plank may be deleted by majority vote.

MOTION TO VOTE & Seconded,

Motion Passes in unanimous voice vote

Proposal 2 – Constitutional Amendment to Add ARTICLE XIII Section 2. Article VI, Section 1, shall not be amended by a vote of less than 7/8 of all registered delegates at a Regular Convention.

MOTION to vote - seconded

Motion Passes in unanimous voice vote

Proposal 3 – Bylaw Amendment Change Bylaw 1 Section 3 to read as follows:

Bylaw 1 Section 3 - The Vice-Chair shall act as an assistant to the Chair, performing such duties as the Chair shall prescribe, and holding such executive powers as the Chair shall delegate, and shall perform the duties of the Chair as the Executive Committee may direct should the Chair be unable, for any reason, to perform those duties.

POINT OF INFORMATION: Proposed Amendment has different wording than final wording

ANSWER This was a typo, Secretary fixing so that they read the same (written correctly in notes)

POINT OF INFORMATION: Assuming that the section on Vice-Chair being elected by **Chip Spangler** ballot is being stricken is for...

ANSWER: The election of Vice Chair will be the same as is written for all other elections, it was written that way in reference to voting by district

Proposal 3 – Constitutional Amendment to change Article 4 Section 7 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4 Section 7 - The Vice-Chair shall act as an assistant to the Chair, performing such duties as the Chair shall prescribe, and holding such executive powers as the Chair shall delegate, and shall perform the duties of the Chair as the Executive Committee may direct should the Chair be unable, for any reason, to perform those duties.

MOTION to vote for all of Proposal 3 - seconded

Motion Passes in voice vote with 1 opposed

Proposal 4 – Bylaw Amendment to change Bylaw III to read as follows:

Bylaw III – CONVENTIONS

Section 1 - The Chairs of the convention committees specified in Article VIII Section 2 of the Constitution shall be the presiding officer of his/her respective Committee.

Section 2 - A majority of the committee is necessary for a "do-pass" recommendation, and in the case of the Platform Committee, a majority must approve each specific plank.

Section 3 - The committees shall report their recommendations to the floor of the convention.

Section 4 - A member must be present in Committee to vote.

Section 5 - More than one-half (1/2) of the membership of each Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Proposal 4 – Constitutional Amendment to change Article VIII Section 2 to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII Section 2. - For each Regular Convention, the Executive Committee shall appoint Chairs for the:

a) Platform Committee,

b) Constitution, Bylaws and Rules Committee,

c) Credentials Committee, and

d) such other committees as the Chair and Executive Committee may, deem appropriate.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Changes to section 3 on removing minority reports could you clarify why you removed that **Rich Tomasso**

ANSWER: Darryl made this change and answered. I was trying to stream line the wording and I could not find any wording that this would be in accordance with.

Discussion regarding intent.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Perhaps put a 2 week or 1 month deadline so that the Platform Committee doesn't get bogged down with suggestions prior to the convention.

Dan Fisher

Such as 2 weeks prior to the convention or it won't be considered

Friendly amendment not seconded

POINT OF INFORMATION: The rules in the Bylaws say that the committee makes their report before the convention. So has the Executive Committee set any rules for when reports are due?

Rich Tomasso

ANSWER: We did set a rule that we needed the report a minimum of 2 weeks prior so that we could get it in the program, unfortunately the program went to the printer before we got the proposals. I would like to in the future have a 30 day prior to the convention which would mean we would need to start planning the convention a lot sooner than 8 weeks prior to the convention.

Discussion regarding who will set dates.

MOTION to vote for all of Proposal 4 – seconded

Motion Passes in unanimous voice vote

Proposal 5 – Constitutional Amendment to change Article VII Section 1 b to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII Section 1 b. - The Chair of the Membership Committee and Judicial Committee

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Having the Chair of the Judicial Committee sitting in on the Committee that it may have to rule for or against is a conflict of interest, I would suggest removing "and Judicial Committee" from this section

Rodger Paxton

Seconded. Friendly Amendment accepted.

NEW AMENDMENT

ARTICLE VII Section 1 b. - The Chair of the Membership Committee

POINT OF ORDER: As this published you have to have a vote on as it stands then you'd have to have a vote on it as it's amended so that one or the other is your two choices so you'd do the vote for "As Written" or you vote for "As suggested" that's your parliamentary option.

George Carpenter

So we would need to reject the proposal as written to hear the amendment

Motion for passing proposal as written?

Motion Fails unanimously by voice vote

MOTION; to re-propose Proposal 5 with just removing the words “and Judicial Committee” - seconded

Rodger Paxton

POINT OF CLARIFICATION: Is that all of proposal 5?

ANSWER just Article VII Section 1 b

Motion Passes in unanimous voice vote

Proposal 6 – Constitutional Amendment to Add the following Article:

ARTICLE X: PRIMARY ELECTIONS – In the event the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire is entitled to a primary election, no voter who is not registered as Libertarian shall be allowed to vote in the Libertarian Party primary.

Discussion regarding pros and cons of this motion

Brian Chabot

Caleb Dyer

Max Abramson

Rodger Paxton

George Carpenter

Brian Shields

John Babiarz

Carmel Fogarty

Motion to pass Proposal 6 - Seconded

Motion Fails in Hand vote with 9 in favor

Platform Amendments

The platform was not looked at as an amendment to various sections of the platform, but a complete re-write of the existing platform

POINT OF INFORMATION: Colorado did a similar re-write of their platform last year and the motion that was made before they began the review of the re-write was a motion to strike the entire platform except for the preamble and statement of principle so that might be the motion that you would like to make.

Darryl Perry

Motion to strike the existing platform except the preamble & statement of Principles – seconded

Rodger Paxton

Motion passes in unanimous voice vote.

New Platform Submitted for approval. Votes will be plank by plank

Platform Amendments

Neal Connor

Motion to adopt platform as a whole

Rodger Paxton

Discussion regarding whether or not amending platform is allowed in constitution

Rich Tomasso

Challenge to the Ruling of the Chair. Seconded.

Caleb Dyer

The reason I seconded this motion was so that a subsequent motion could be made to suspend the rules so that we may resolve this and then move on to actually move on and adopt the ability to discuss the platform and adopt it.

Discussion regarding the challenge motion.

Rodger Paxton

Motion Fails by hand vote with 8 in favor

Motion to Adopt Platform as written – seconded

Discussion regarding adopting entire Platform as a whole

Sean Michalski

Brian Chabot

POINT OF INFORMATION: If this motion passes would that prevent us afterwards from passing minor amendments to the individual planks?

Robert Lombardo

ANSWER: I don't think it would

Motion passes in unanimous voice vote

2.3 Professional Licensing

Each person has the inalienable right to earn a living by the fruits of their labor. State licensing subverts these rights, and acts as a protectionist guard against competition without achieving their stated goal of protecting the safety of our citizens. Requiring professionals to carry licenses restricts worker mobility and competition which leads to higher consumer prices.

We support the elimination of all state run boards and license requirements for all professions. Professionals are best regulated when they are forced to compete for consumers without interference from the state.

MOTION to strike 2.3 Professional Licensing

Brian Chabot

POINT OF ORDER: Shouldn't this fall under New Business?

Dan Fishman

ANSWER: Yes, this should be part of New Business.

Motion to strike 2.3 Professional Licensing from New Platform

Brian Chabot

Discussion regarding pros and cons of motion

Sean Michalski

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Instead of dropping 2.3, I propose to just get rid of a few sentences of it. Keep the first, 3rd and last sentences so it would read:

Rich Tomasso

Each person has the inalienable right to earn a living by the fruits of their labor. Requiring professionals to carry licenses restricts worker mobility and competition which leads to higher consumer prices.

Professionals are best regulated when they are forced to compete for consumers without interference from the state.

Friendly Amendment accepted

Discussion over pros and cons of motion

Rich Tomasso

Ian Freeman

Max Abramson

Rodger Paxton

Justin O'Donnell

Motion to end discussion - Seconded.

Motion to end discussion passes on voice vote with 1 opposed.

Motion to pass friendly amendment - seconded

Friendly Amendment fails on hand vote with 9 in favor

Motion to Amend 3.1 to strike the word "necessary" and replace with the word "purposed"

Robert Lombardo

Where criminal statutes are **purposed** for the protection of life, liberty and property, the punishments applied should be proportionate to the crime. Rehabilitation, counseling, and restitution should be sought over incarceration. Offenders should have the opportunity to make the aggrieved party whole, rather than continue to place a drain on society. Ineffective and detrimental incarceration is costly in terms of wasted human potential, as well as tax dollars which are diverted from productive private use.

- seconded

Discussion on pros and cons of motion

Darryl Perry

Friendly Amendment: "Where criminal statutes are **purposed** for the protection of life, liberty and property, the punishments applied should be proportionate to the crime."

Caleb Dyer

Friendly Amendment accepted

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: instead of "are purposed" how about replacing "are necessary" with just the word **"exist"**?

Brian Chabot

Friendly Amendment accepted

POINT OF CLARIFICATION: The reason for using the word "necessary" is because that was the minimum. Where criminal punishments ARE Necessary...This presumes the Libertarian position that the only valid exercise of a criminal statute would be for the protection of life, liberty and property. So Where a criminal statute IS necessary ...is

Sean Michalski

required we decided to be consistent with liberty we have to protect life, liberty, and the pursuit of property, that this is the minimum threshold that if a criminal statute is necessary that we've all agreed this criminal thing is bad not that some criminal statutes are or are not valid exercises of this non-aggression which I believe we all are in agreement about. That we should have fewer criminal statutes. This is just related to what we should do in response to what we have in congress decided would be criminal statutes. That goes to the reason behind the selection of the word necessary instead of "where they exist" or "how they are" because we don't want to condone the existence of them , just to say "If you gotta have them, then we want to have this be our party response to those criminal statutes."

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: "Where criminal statutes **exists** for the protection of life, liberty and property, the punishments applied should be proportionate to the crime." **George Carpenter**

Friendly amendment accepted

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: For Clarity I'm going to move that we strike the word "Where" and simply say "Criminal statutes must only be for the protection...." **Brian Chabot**

Not Accepted

Motion to vote on Friendly Amendment – seconded

Friendly Amendment fails on voice vote

Motion to amend 3.5 of new platform to strike the 3rd line and the last line (so it would read as follows:) **Victoria Saucier**

The environment is a shared resource, a treasure, and an important part of New Hampshire's economy. Pollution of air, water, and land violates rights to health and life, and rights to property. Competitive free markets and individual property rights stimulate the moral choices and behavioral changes required to protect our environment and ecosystems. Private landowners have a vested interest in maintaining natural resources. Protecting the environment requires individual rights and responsibilities regarding resources like land, water, air, and wildlife to be protected by individuals.

Motion Seconded

Discussion on pros and cons of motion.

Rodger Paxton

Sean Michalski

Motion to close discussion – seconded, passed on voice vote

Motion to strike 3rd line of 3.5 of Platform fails on hand vote with 3 in favor

Motion to Amend Constitution Article IV Section 4 Involving Officers of the Libertarian Party to add a Section C that says "If registered to vote, shall not be registered with any other party." **Brian McQuade**

The only thing I can say on this is that if you're a Libertarian you're gonna be a Libertarian all the way, you can't be registered with the Democratic Party to run for office of the Libertarian Party

CLARIFICATION: so if you're currently registered Undeclared, in compliance with this and then vote in a party's primary, which requires changing your registration, would that kick you off the board? **Rich Tomasso**

ANSWER: Technically the registration would only be changed if you do not stop at the table before exiting

Discussion regarding when you'd be considered out of compliance with this amendment

Rich Tomasso

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: New Motion for Amendment: Article IV Section 4 Involving Officers of the Libertarian Party to add a Section C that says "If registered to vote, shall not be registered with any other party. This shall not apply to Undeclared Voters temporarily changing their registration to vote in a partisan primary on election day, provided they switch back to Undeclared."

Rich Tomasso

Accepted

Discussion regarding pros and cons of motion

Max Abramson

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION: Is the intent to have Officers be registered Libertarians, because that seems to be what the...

Robert Lombardo

ANSWER: Only if registered to vote

Friendly Amendment change to read "should be registered Libertarians" – not accepted **Robert Lombardo**

Motion to amend constitution passes in voice vote with 3 opposed

Motion to extend meeting 20 minutes. Seconded

Motion passes in unanimous voice vote.

Motion to amend Constitution Article XI Sec 2 to read: The bylaws of the Party may be amended by a majority vote of the delegates at any convention of the Party provided the proposed changes were published in a newsletter prior to the convention. By a vote of three fourths (3/4) of the Executive Committee the bylaws may also be altered at any other time, subject to ratification by the next convention.

Justin O'Donnell

And Article XIII Sec 1 to read:

This Constitution may be amended by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the delegates at any Convention provided that such amendment be made available in writing to convention delegates with enough time to consider the amendment. Publication in the newsletter at least a week before the convention shall always constitute sufficient notice

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT : I'd like to extend that to 30 days. In Arkansas we had 90 days, but I think 30 days is plenty of time. I definitely think the body should be aware of what they're going to be voting for before they get to the convention

Rodger Paxton

POINT OF CLARIFICATION: How do you define newsletter? Is it something sent via mail or email?

Darryl Perry

ANSWER: I would define newsletter as something sent via email or mail. As I'm not the Executive Committee it would be something confirmed delivered. As some delegates do not have email, they would have to be mailed a copy.

Discussion on pros and cons of motion

Sean Michalski

Dan Fishman

Darryl Perry

Jilletta Jarvis

Caleb Dyer

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: I believe the intent of this is to stop the Executive Committee from making amendments right before the convention. I don't think the intent of this was to stop the membership. So I'd like to make the amendment to make this apply to only the Executive Committee

Rodger Paxton

Friendly Amendment Accepted

Friendly Amendment: Have the newsletter published on the LPNH website a month beforehand

Dan Fisher

MOTION: I vote to table the amendment until we come to an agreement on language

Sean Michalski

Seconded

Motion to table passes on voice vote with 1 opposed

RESOLUTION: I did want to make at least a recognition. I found out recently that one of the founding members of the LPNH, Mr. Howard Wilson, has passed away around Christmas time. For some of you newer members, Howard has been active for some time and moved out west (Texas) and so Howard and I didn't always see eye to eye. Howard came to the political scene as a Political Anarchist and slightly moderated his views over time but say what you want about Howard, he worked like a dog. He did probably more outreach booths than all of us combined. He would go anywhere and work a table all day usually the World's Smallest Political Quiz, Membership, whatever we were doing, that was his thing. He collected thousands of petition signatures. He ran for office as a Libertarian. He was actually a Libertarian office holder. He was on his town Budget Committee and maybe another committee. Howard was a hard core Libertarian and people were voting for him. I talked to Howard about this once and he said "Well, they knew I wouldn't lie to them. So I earned their vote, even if they didn't agree with me" So people do respect your integrity and your principles. Howard did serve on the board several times. He was at the State House, I saw him there even just shortly before he moved away. Like I said, you may not approve of Howard's methods or everything he was doing or how he dressed or anything like that, but believe me if all of us worked as hard as he did we'd run this state in 10 years. I'd like the entire convention to recognize Howard Wilson and to wish his family well in this trying time and just recognize he was Libertarian of the Year at least once, maybe twice and we may have even given him a lifetime achievement award for decades of activism. So I'd like a

Rich Tomasso

brief moment of silence to recognize Howard and for those of us who can remember him – to remember him.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR HOWARD WILSON.

TABLED MOTION: Proposal 3 and 4 (of tabled motions). This sentence would be added at the end of the first paragraph for both:

Rodger Paxton

Proposal by Executive Committee for (Bylaws Prop 3 or Constitution Prop 4) Amendments must be emailed or mailed or printed to party’s website to all party members no later than 30 days prior to the convention.

Motion for proposal 3 passes in voice vote with 1 opposed

Motion for proposal 4 passes in voice vote with 1 opposed

Motion to Amend Plank 3.4 of new platform to change the word “over” to “more than” **Rich Tomasso**

3.4 Foreign Policy

We believe that American foreign policy should seek an America at peace with the world. Peace will never be achieved through force. Libertarians seek the withdrawal of troops from the 900+ military bases in more than 130 nations around the world.

Seconded

Motion passes in unanimous voice vote

Motion that all further business be tabled pending the Executive Committee scheduling a second convention for business purposes only to occur within 180 days to discuss: **Justin O’Donnell**

- Membership Report (These are posted monthly in the Minutes page of the LPNH.org)
- Platform Amendments
- Constitution & Bylaws Amendments
- Party Election Activities

Seconded

Discussion on pros and cons of motion

Rodger Paxton

John Babiarz

Ian Freeman

Sean Michalski

Motion fails in voice vote with 0 in favor

POINT OF INFORMATION: Mr. Chair Is Taxation Theft?

Justin O’Donnell

Answer: Taxation is theft.

Meeting Adjourned.