

LPNH 2018 Convention Business Session Meeting Minutes

4/29/2018

I. Call to order

Chair Darryl W. Perry called to order the Business Session of the LPNH Convention at 10:00 AM on 4/29/2018 at Holiday Inn in Concord, NH.

II. Agenda Amendment

Chip Spangler presented the Convention Rules.
Opened floor for discussion - None
Motion to adopt rules – Motion passed

III. Convention Rules

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Opened floor for discussion - None
Motion to adopt rules – Motion passed

IV. Officer Reports

Chair Report – Darryl W. Perry.

- In January 2016 there were 11 people at the LPNH annual convention, in 2017 50 Delegates in attendance. Today, 52 pre-registered to attend
- Hurdles – Ballot Access
- Successes – Representative Brandon Phinney’s bills in the State House, Death Penalty Repeal passed House and Senate

Membership Report – Brian McQuade

- 179 LP National Members in NH
- 124 LPNH Members
- 100% increase since this Executive Committee took over in 2016
- Currently 37 Delegates in attendance. 32 needed for 7/8 vote , 27 for $\frac{3}{4}$ vote, 24 for $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, & 19 for simple majority

Treasury Report – Tom Kershaw

- \$11,352.92 in Bank (minus expenses from convention today)
- \$216 petty cash (not most up-to-date figure \$207.95 is accurate amount)

- \$5,064.28 in electronic currencies

V. Platform Committee

DELEGATE UPDATE: 40 Delegates (7/8 vote = 35, 3/4 vote = 30, 2/3 vote= 26, simple majority = 21)

Proposal 1-18

- Amended wording
- Discussion
- Motion to approve proposal as written – Passed

Proposal 2-18

- Plank addition
- Discussion
- Motion to pass proposal – Pass

Proposal 3-18

- Plank addition
- Discussion
- Motion to pass proposal - Pass

Proposal 4-18

- Amended wording
- Discussion
- Motion to add “prohibiting” after restricting (missed name of motioning delegate) – seconded (missed name of seconding delegate)
 - Discussion on amendment
 - Vote on amendment – Pass
 - New Wording on Proposal: “We support every individual’s right to self-defense and, by extension, the right to keep and bear arms. We believe that every person may exercise their right to self-defense wherever they have the right to be. We reject all laws at any level of government restricting, **prohibiting**, registering, or monitoring the ownership, manufacture, modification, transport or transfer of any item, tool, or accessory that may be used for self-defense.”

DELEGATE UPDATE 41 Delegates (7/8 vote= 35, 3/4 vote = 30, 2/3 vote = 27, simple majority vote = 21)

- Motion to change “Inalienable” to “unalienable” (missed name of motioning delegate) – not seconded
- Discussion
- Motion to approve amended proposal - Pass

Proposal 18-18

- Amended wording
- Discussion
- Motion by Bonny Scott to delete words “passive, yet compulsory” – seconded
 - Vote on amendment – Pass
 - New wording on proposal: “We recognize that, due to the inherent nature of man to keep secrets, a truly free society cannot exist under continuous state surveillance. We support the right of the people to be free from unreasonable searches or seizures of themselves or their property and thus we oppose the unwarranted use of people or technology by the state to monitor, account for, and keep individuals or groups under surveillance, where there is no evidence of criminal behavior; thereby restricting the normal interaction of peoples. We oppose any law to compel admissions of guilt or cooperation with agents of the state. We oppose surveillance legislation, such as laws that require individuals and businesses to report legal activities without evidence of criminal acts.”
- Discussion on Amended Proposal
 - Motion by Brian Chabot & Andrew (AJ) Olding to amend to “...of man to maintain personal privacy...” – seconded
 - Vote on amendment – pass
 - New wording on proposal: “We recognize that, due to the inherent nature of man to **maintain personal privacy**, a truly free society cannot exist under continuous state surveillance. We support the right of the people to be free from unreasonable searches or seizures of themselves or their property and thus we oppose the unwarranted use of people or technology by the state to monitor, account for, and keep individuals or groups under surveillance, where there is no evidence of criminal behavior; thereby restricting the normal interaction of peoples. We oppose any law to compel admissions of guilt or cooperation with agents of the state. We oppose surveillance legislation, such as laws that require individuals and businesses to report legal activities without evidence of criminal acts.”
- Vote on Amended proposal - Pass

Proposal 16-18

- Proposal to strike Foreign Policy plank
- Discussion
- Motion by Zach Dumont to postpone further discussion on this proposal until after discussion of proposal 15-18 – Seconded.
 - Vote on Motion - Pass

Proposal 5-18

- Proposal to add Property Policy plank
- Discussion
- Motion by Rich Tomasso to divide question (review each paragraph separately) – Seconded.
 - Vote on Motion – Pass
- Call for discussion on Paragraph 1 – None
 - Vote on Proposal Paragraph 1 – Pass
- Discussion on paragraph 2
 - Motion by Bonnie Scott to strike “Claim ownership of ideas and” – seconded
 - Motion by Brian Chabot to Strike Paragraph 2 – Out of Order
 - Caleb – Request for counted vote on amendment
 - Vote on motion – 11 for, 22 against – motion to amend fails.
 - Motion by Berny Gracy to postpone 2nd paragraph indefinitely – seconded
 - Motion to postpone fails
- Vote on Paragraph 2 – Fails.
- Proposal 5-18 new wording: “The ownership of property is essential to the function of the market. We hold that rights to property are integral to the individual. We recognize that owners of real property have the full and exclusive right to control, use, improve, dispose of, or in any manner enjoy it without interference, until and unless their exercise infringes the rights of others. We firmly reject the practices of eminent domain and asset forfeiture for either private or public purposes.”

Proposal 6-18

- Amended Wording
- Discussion
- Motion by Rich Tomasso to amend wording to “...including an income or sales..” to “...including **any wage, salary**, income or sales...” – seconded
 - Vote – Pass

- New wording: “We recognize that, due to its coercive nature, taxation is unequivocally an aggressive, violent practice tantamount to theft. We further understand that no tax can ever be fair, simple, or neutral in a given market. Therefore, we oppose any and all new tax burdens, including **any wage, salary, income, or sale tax**. We seek the reduction or elimination of all existing taxes including those upon real property and its transfer.”
- Motion by Andrew (AJ) Olding to strike sentence after “all new tax burdens” – seconded
 - Discussion
 - Vote on amendment to amendment – Fail
- Motion by Andrew (AJ) Olding to amend wording to “a tax on income or a sales tax” – seconded
 - Discussion
 - Vote on amendment to amendment - Fail
- Motion by Eliot Axelman to amend wording to “we oppose any tax on income or sales” – Out of order
- Motion by Andrew (AJ) Olding – Call the Question – seconded
 - Vote on motion – Pass
- Vote on Amended Plank – Pass
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Proposal 7-18

- Amended Wording
- Discussion
- Motion by Brian Chabot to amend wording to “any commodity, service, or item” – seconded
 - Discussion
 - Vote on amendment – pass
 - New wording: “Individuals and businesses engaged in commerce ought to be free to use and accept any mutually agreed upon commodity, **service**, or item as currency. The issuance of debt-based monies is an

inherently inflationary and fraudulent practice. We support the acceptance and proliferation of competing forms of currency and money and reject government monopolies in the currencies market. Innovation and competition in the market for currencies will deliver cheaper, faster, and more efficient means of storing and transferring value among individuals.”

- Motion by Andrew (AJ) Olding to amend wording “...agreed upon commodity, service, or item as **a means of exchange.**” – seconded
 - Discussion
 - Vote on Amendment to amendment – Pass
 - New wording: “Individuals and businesses engaged in commerce ought to be free to use and accept any mutually agreed upon commodity, service, or item as **a means of exchange.** The issuance of debt-based monies is an inherently inflationary and fraudulent practice. We support the acceptance and proliferation of competing forms of currency and money and reject government monopolies in the currencies market. Innovation and competition in the market for currencies will deliver cheaper, faster, and more efficient means of storing and transferring value among individuals.”
- Motion by Andrew (AJ) Olding to change title of plank to “Money, Exchange, & Currency” Seconded
 - Vote on amendment - Pass
- Vote on Amended Proposal – Pass
 - New wording: “Money, Exchange, & Currency
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Proposal 9-18

- Added plank on Education
- Motion by Brandon Phinney to remove “put” from “...for education should be put entirely...” – seconded
- Vote on Amendment – Pass
- Vote on Proposal – Pass

- New wording “Education is a matter of conscience, values, and free expression, as much as assembly, press, religion, or speech. Accordingly, we advocate the complete separation of education and state, ending government ownership, operations, regulation, and subsidy of schools, colleges, and universities. By separating education and the state, educational institutions will be able to compete in an open market. Until that time, any government funds allocated for education should be entirely under parental and student control, for use in schools of choice (including, but not limited to, private, parochial, and home schooling) or to carry forward for education in a future year.”

Proposal 10-18

- Added plank on Monopolies and Oligopoly
- Discussion
- Motion by Rich Tomasso to change “which” to “that” in last sentence – seconded
 - Vote on amendment – Pass
 - New wording: “We believe free markets drive economic growth and that competition is essential to free markets. Economic monopolies and oligopolies are inconsistent with the nature of free markets. Both state and corporate monopolies stifle innovation, competition, and service in all segments of the market. Monopolies and oligopolies cannot exist without the protection granted or afforded to them by the state and therefore we advocate for the repeal of all laws **that** enable such collusion and racketeering to exist.”
- Discussion
- Motion by Bonnie Scott to table due to time. – seconded
 - Vote on motion – Fails
- Andrew (AJ) Olding called the question – Pass
- Vote on Amended Proposal – Pass
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Motion by Darryl W. Perry to table rest of Platform proposals until New Business and break for lunch. – Seconded.

Motion Passes.

VI. Elections

LPNH Delegates to the National Convention.

- 11 Delegates allowed, up to 50 Alternates allowed 10% vote required for alternate (4 votes)
- Nominees:

| Nominee | Elected | # Votes |
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| Caleb Dyer | Delegate | 39 |
| Chip Spangler | Delegate | 36 |
| Darryl Perry | Delegate | 32 |
| Jilletta Jarvis | Delegate | 32 |
| Justin O'Donnell | Delegate | 32 |
| Robert Lombardo | Delegate | 30 |
| Brandon Phinney | Delegate | 30 |
| Spencer Dias | Delegate | 27 |
| Bonnie Scott | Delegate | 24 |
| Andrew (AJ) Olding | Delegate | 24 |
| Rich Tomasso | Delegate | 19 |
| James Weeks II | Alternate | 6 |
| Thomas Knapp | N/A | 2 |

Liberty Awards:

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| Standard Bearer of Liberty: | This recipient is honored as the person most responsible for the growth of the party and dedication to the libertarian cause in New Hampshire. |
| Nominees | Brian McQuade Brian Shields Caleb Q Dyer Chip Spangler Darryl W. Perry George W. Carpenter Rodger Paxton SNHLP (as a group) |
| Winner | Rodger Paxton |

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| Volunteer of the Year Award | Awarded to the Libertarian who went above and beyond to give their time and talents to further the success of the party; or who worked above and beyond in an extraordinary fashion, and has significantly contributed to the success of a campaign. |
| Nominees | Brian McQuade Brian Shields Caleb Dyer Chip Spangler George W. Carpenter Jim Grenier Justin Szilard Moe Egan Stephen Nass |
| Winner | Justin Szilard |

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| Outreach Award | Awarded to a party member who has worked exceptionally hard to spread the message of libertarian principles to as many potential voters as possible. |
| Nominees | Bernie Gracy Brian Shields Caleb Dyer Chip Spangler Heather Mullins Linda Keane Jilletta Jarvis Justin O'Donnell |
| Winner | Jilletta Jarvis |

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| Candidate of the Year Award | Awarded to the Libertarian Candidate that has shown an extraordinary ability to reach and connect with voters, as well as further the cause of libertarianism. |
| Nominees | Brian Shields George W Carpenter Jilletta Jarvis Justin O'Donnell |
| Winner | Brian Shields |

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| Office Holder of the Year Award | Awarded to a current elected officeholder of the Libertarian Party that best promotes libertarian principles and values through public service. |
| Nominees | Caleb Dyer Brandon Phinney Joseph Stallcop |
| Winner | Caleb Dyer |

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| Chairman's Choice Award for Extraordinary Service | An individual chosen by the current LPNH Chair for extraordinary service to the party. |
| Winner | Brian McQuade |

Executive Committee Officer Holder Elections:

Chair Nominations:

- Chip Spangler – Accepts nomination
 - Vote – Chip Spangler Chair

Vice Chair Nominations:

- Brian Shields – Accepts nomination
- Rich Tomasso – Declines nomination
 - Vote – Brian Shields Vice Chair

Secretary Nominations:

- Caleb Dyer – Accepts Nomination
 - Vote – Caleb Dyer Secretary

Treasurer Nominations:

- Tom Kershaw – Accepts Nomination
 - Vote – Tom Kershaw Treasurer

Libertarian State Candidates for Elected Office **Official Nominations:**

Governor – Jilletta Jarvis

District 2 Congress – Justin O’Donnell

District 1 Congress – Rich Paul and Dan Bellforte – tie vote.

Motion to not have an official nominee for District 1 Congress – Pass

Executive Council:

District 1 – Tobin Menard

District 4 – Rich Tomasso

District 5 – Brian Chabot

State Senate – District 10 – Ian Freeman

State Representatives:

Carroll 6 – Brodie Deshaies

Cheshire 9 – Nick Ray

Cheshire 16 – Darryl W. Perry

Coos 3 – Stuart Light

Hillsborough 1 – Keith Cobbett

Hillsborough 2 – Lisa Wilbur

Hillsborough 6 – Richard Manzo

Hillsborough 7 – Spencer Dias

Hillsborough 37 – Caleb Q. Dyer

Hillsborough 40 – Mark Linn

Rockingham 20 – Forrest Osterman (Declined)

Rockingham 21 – Michael J Baldassarre, Esquire

Strafford 1 – Tania Butler

Strafford 9 – Justin Keenan

Strafford 19 – Brian Shields

Strafford 24 – Robert Stacey

Strafford 24 – Brandon Phinney

VII. Bylaws and Convention

- Motion to combine Convention and Bylaws for amendment purpose – Pass
- Article I – No Change
- Article II – No Change
- Article II – No Change
- Article IV.
 - Part B Discussion
 - Motion by Bonnie Scott to change “...and any other...” to “...or any other...” – seconded
 - Vote on amendment – Pass
 - New wording “The use of a singular pronoun in these bylaws, special rules of order adopted by the State Party, **or** any other Party documentation is not intended to exclude any person who is not of the specified gender.”
- Article V.
 - Part A Discussion
 - Motion by Brandon Kelley to remove words “believe in or” in first sentence – Seconded
 - Discussion
 - Question called by Spencer Dias – Passed
 - Vote on Amendment – Pass
 - Part B. 3 Discussion
 - Motion by Jilletta Jarvis to change “Youth” to “Junior” in all areas applicable throughout documents as applies to Youth Membership Level. – Seconded
 - Vote – Pass

- Motion by Bonnie Scott to amend “Junior” to “Young Adult” – seconded
- Discussion
 - Vote – Pass
 - New wording will replace “Youth Membership” with “Young Adult Membership” throughout document

DELEGATE COUNT UPDATE:43 DELEGATES (7/8 vote= 38, ¾ vote = 33, 2/3 vote = 29, simple majority vote = 22)

- Part C Discussion
- Motion to change words “monthly donations” to “Sustaining Memberships” (motioning delegate name missed)– seconded
 - Vote on amendment – Fail
- Motion to change from “sustaining memberships” to “Recurring donations” (motioning delegate name missed) – seconded
 - Vote on amendment – Fail
- Motion by Rich Tomasso to change wording of C to “The Executive Committee shall determine the amount and frequency requirements for memberships listed in Article V Section B.” – Seconded
 - Vote on Amendment – Pass
 - Motion to amend amendment (motioning delegate name missed) to change “for memberships” to “of dues for memberships” – seconded
 - Vote on Amendment to Amendment – Pass
 - New wording of Article V Section C: “The Executive Committee shall determine the amount and frequency requirements of dues for memberships listed in Article V Section B.
- Article VI.
 - Discussion on Section M.1.b

- Motion by Stuart Light to amend wording to “...at least 25% if the **specific** delegates...”
- Discussion
- Motion by Spencer Dias to Call the Question – seconded
 - Vote on motion passes
- Vote on motion to amend – Fails
- Article VII
 - Motion by Stuart Light to amend Section F to change “Officers of the State..” instead of Executive Committee – Seconded
 - Vote on Amendment - Fails
 - Discussion on Section B
 - Motion by Tom Kershaw to Strike section B first sentence – seconded
 - Vote on amendment - Passes
 - Discussion
 - Motion by Tom Kershaw to strike all of Section B and any reference to Leadership Committee in documents. - seconded
 - Motion by George Carpenter to table – Out of order
 - Vote on Amendment – Fails
 - Motion by Rich Tomasso to amend wording of VII.B.9.b to “Meetings conducted in person shall be at a location....” – seconded
 - Motion by Spencer Dias to disregard previous motion – fails
 - Vote on Amendment – Pass
 - New wording of Article VII Section B.9.b (first sentence):
“Meetings conducted in person shall be at a location within 15 miles of the New Hampshire State House....”
- Article VIII – not able to discuss
- Article IX – not able to discuss

- Article X – not able to discuss
- Article XI – not able to discuss
- Article XII
 - Motion by Christian to remove – seconded
 - Vote on motion – Fails
- Motion by Darryl W. Perry to End Debate and accept the rest of Bylaws and Constitution.
- Motion to Suspend Rules to hold a business convention where a continuation of this debate may continue and a vote may be held on Bylaws/Constitution. – seconded
 - Discussion
 - Motion Passes

VIII. New Business

- a) Membership Committee Chair Nominee:
 - (a) Brandon Phinney – accepts
 - (b) Vote – Brandon Phinney Membership Committee Chair
- b) Judicial Committee Chair Nominee:
 - (a) John Babiarz – accepts
 - (b) Vote – John Babiarz Judicial Committee Chair
- c) Membership Committee Members:
 - (a) Stephen Nass
 - (b) Andrew (AJ) Olding
- d) Judicial Committee Members:
 - (a) Robert Lombardo
 - (b) Caleb Dyer
 - (c) Brian Chabot

- e) Motion by Jillette Jarvis to table the rest of the Platform Proposals until the Business Convention due to time constraints. – seconded
 - (a) Motion by Caleb Dyer to suspend rules and adopt rest of Platform - Motion fails
 - (b) Vote on Motion to postpone - Passes

IX. Adjournment

Chair Darryl W. Perry adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 4:20pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jillette Jarvis