

LPNH Convention Minutes
January 28th, 2023

Call to order 9:48 AM

- Credentials report
 - 42 delegates, 14 prospective
- Motion to accept 13 prospective delegates
 - Seconded
 - Point of order (Nick S)
 - Order of delegates via bylaws
 - Request to be included in initial listing of prospective delegates
 - Nick Sarwark added to list of prospective delegates
 - Objection to adding Nick Sarwark to list of prospective delegates
 - Point of order (Nick S)
 - Objection to inclusion as prospective delegate vote
 - Objection to include Nick S as an included member of the prospective delegate
 - Point of order (Nick S)
 - Bylaws mandate that all delegates be voted in one action
 - Motion may be divided after proposed
 - Vote taken to accept 13 prospective delegates
 - Motion passed on voice vote
 - Motion to accept Nick Sarwark as Full Delegate
 - Seconded
 - Point of order
 - The newly approved delegates don't have voting cards
 - Vote taken by card
 - Aye 11
 - Nay More than 11
 - Full delegate status denied
 - Move to include Jack Garber as Official delegate
 - Seconded and passed by voice vote
- Motion to approve agenda
 - Seconded
 - Agenda passes
- Point of clarification
 - Fix minutes
- Motion to accept convention rules as written
 - Seconded and pass on voice vote
- Bylaws and Rules reports
 - Rich T delivers report on bylaws committee
 - Vote to adopt proposal A by card
 - Aye 29
 - Nay 0
 - Rule adopted
 - Questions on proposal B
 - Move to vote and seconded
 - Aye 37
 - Nay 2
 - Rule approved
 - Bylaws proposals

- Consent calendar
 - Proposal C to move recall article (pg 25)
 - Vote
 - Aye 35
 - Nay 0
 - Passes
 - Proposal D remove redundant committee rules
 - Vote
 - Aye 36
 - Nay 0
 - Passes
 - Proposal E clarify prospective delegate procedures
 - Point of inquiry
 - How would one eliminate prospective delegate
 - Vote
 - Aye 32
 - Nay 4
 - Passes
 - Proposal F Consolidating committee operations
 - Vote
 - Aye 43
 - Nay 1
 - Passes
 - Proposal G Remove term “general court” not consistently applied
 - Clarification of language in state convention and delegate language
 - Vote
 - Aye 43
 - Nay 0
 - Passes
- Regular Calendar
 - Proposal H: New officer position of membership director
 - Creates a new officer position to be elected by convention body
 - Drop a single at large position to keep board at the same size
 - Floor open to debate
 - Motion to vote
 - Aye 23
 - Nay 13
 - 2/3rds not found
 - Open for amendment
 - No amendments given
 - Proposal fails to pass
 - Proposal I: Streamline executive committee text
 - Open for question and debate
 - Vote
 - Aye 37
 - Nay 0
 - Pass
 - Motion delegate Mari Fontaine to be accepted
 - Vote passes on voice
 - Proposal J: Suspensions and interim officers
 - Open for questions and debate
 - Motion to suspend the rules to amend proposal

- Seconded
 - Vote
 - Aye covers 2/3rds required
- Motion to amend the proposal as follows
 - If the Vice Chair position is vacant, the executive committee shall appoint one of the officers at large to become the interim chair.
 - Vote to amend
 - Passes unanimously
- Vote to accept proposal as amended
 - Aye 39
 - Nay 0
 - Passes
- Proposal K: Revision to statement of principles
 - Open to question and debate
 - Move to suspend the rules to amend proposal for capitalization
 - Seconded
 - Vote
 - Aye 25
 - Nay 8
 - Passes
 - Amendment:
 - Set the “capital L” Libertarian to “lower case l” libertarian
 - Amendment to amendment
 - Nominating and supporting members of the State Party running for public office in New Hampshire to move public policy in a more libertarian direction;
 - Open to question and debate
 - Vote
 - Aye 37
 - Nay 8
 - Passes (amendment to amendment)
 - Vote for adoption of amended amendment
 - Aye 37
 - Nay 3
 - Passes
 - Open amended proposal to question and debate
 - Proposal divided
 - Separate 3a, 3c and 3b
 - Vote on adoption of proposal K 3a as amended
 - Aye 38
 - Nay 1
 - Passes
 - Vote on adoption of proposal K 3b as written
 - Aye 41
 - Nay 0
 - Fails to pass
 - Vote on adoption of proposal K 3c as written
 - Aye 45
 - Nay 0
 - Passes

- Move to accept Steve Z as delegate
 - Voice vote passed
 - 58 delegates present
 - Proposal L: clarification of membership termination procedure
 - Open to question and debate
 - Vote
 - Aye 13
 - Nay 19
 - Fails to pass as written
 - Motion to table issue until first order of business after lunch
 - Seconded and passed
- Motion to adjourn for lunch
 - Seconded
 - Vote
 - Aye
 - Nay
 - Nay carries on voice vote
- Platform committee
 - Proposal A: individual vs collective rights
 - Open floor to question and debate
 - Vote
 - Aye 48
 - Nay 0
 - Passes
 - Proposal B: voluntary action
 - Open floor to question and debate
 - Vote to call the question
 - Aye 47
 - Nay 0
 - Passes
 - Vote to pass
 - Aye 47
 - Nay 0
 - Passes
 - Proposal C: 2.4 economic matters. Separation of economy and state
 - Open floor to question and debate
 - Motion to suspend the rules and amend the proposal
 - Vote passes on voice vote
 - Amended version:
 - Strike the section “we reject government charter of corporations”
 - Amendment passes with voice vote
 - Vote on proposal as amended
 - Aye 48
 - Nay 0
 - Passed as amended
 - Proposal D: Agorism plank
 - Open floor to question and debate
 - Vote
 - Aye 47
 - Nay 2
 - Passes
 - Motion to accept additional delegates to convention
 - Motion seconded and passes with voice vote.

- 60 delegates present
- Proposal E: Criminal justice plank
 - Open floor to debate and question
 - Motion to suspend rules and amend proposal
 - Seconded
 - Vote to suspend and amend
 - Aye
 - Language of amendment
 - Additionally, we support the abolition of qualified immunity so that government officials, employees and their agents are held to the same standard of conduct as all other civilian members within the jurisdiction
 - Amendment open for debate
 - Motion to amend the amendment changing “civilian members” with “individuals”
 - Seconded
 - Amendment to amendment open to debate
 - Vote on amendment to amendment
 - Voice vote aye carries
 - Amendment to amendment
 - Open debate on amendment as amended
 - Vote on amendment as amended
 - Aye 46
 - Nay 0
 - Passes
- Motion to extend time 5 minutes
 - Passes with voice vote
 - Open for debate
 - Vote on amended proposal
 - Aye 43
 - Nay 2
 - Proposal passes as amended
 - Proposal F: Death penalty
 - Open for debate and question
 - Vote
 - Aye 34
 - Nay 7
 - Motion passes
 - Proposal G: sovereignty and independence
 - Open to debate and question
 - Motion to extend 3 minutes
 - Passed with voice vote
 - Motion to suspend rules to amend proposal
 - Vote passes on voice
 - Amendment:
 - Strike proposed changes
 - Amend platform to include final sentence of original proposal
 - Motion to suspend rules amend withdrawn
 - Vote on proposal as written
 - Aye 0
 - Nay Unanimous
 - Proposal fails

- Adjourn for Lunch
- Call to order 1:34 PM
- Credential committee report: 60 delegates
- Picking up proposal L:
 - Motion to suspend the rules to amend the agenda
 - Motion to suspend carries
 - Motion to amend agenda to elect EC carries
- Nominations
 - Chair:
 - Conrad Nelson
 - Nick Sarwark - not accepted
 - NOTA
 - Vote for chair:
 - Conrad Nelson: 49
 - NOTA: 1
 - Nick Sarwark: 1
- Motion to conduct other business while votes are being counted
 - Seconded. Passed in voice vote
- Report from treasurer
- Officers report
 - Nolan speaks on his dedication to LPNH
- Communications committee report
- Membership committee report
- Motion to suspend the rules
 - Seconded
 - Vote passes
 - Motion to conduct votes via voice
 - Seconded and passed
- Nominations for Vice Chair
 - Robley Hall - accepted
 - NOTA - accepted
- Vote:
 - Unanimous voice vote for Robley Hall
- Nominations for Treasurer
 - Ryan Hebert - accepted
 - Sean Brennan - declined
 - NOTA
- Vote for treasurer
 - Unanimous voice vote for Ryan Hebert
- Nominations for Secretary
 - Alex Lemp - accepted
 - NOTA - accepted
 - Sean Dempsy - declined
- Vote for Alex as Secretary
 - Unanimous voice vote for Alex
- Nominations for at-large
 - Ben Weir - accepted
 - Derek Proulx - accepted
- Vote for at-large as slate
 - Unanimous election as slate of candidates Ben Weir and Derek P
- Resume tabled proposal L from bylaws
 - Open for amendments, debate or questions
 - Motion to substitute

- The main motion:
- Motion to strike 2.a from proposed substitute
 - Open for debate
 - Proposal withdrawn
- Motion to call
 - Failed
- Motion to amend substitute
 - Replace 2.a “force” with “physical violence”
 - Seconded
 - Open for debate
 - Amendment passes on voice vote
- Motion to strike D.2.c
 - Seconded
 - Open for debate
 - Vote fails on voice vote
- Motion to amend original proposal to strike D.2 and replace with Substitute D.2
 - Seconded
 - Open to debate
 - Vote
 - Passes on voice vote
- Motion to amend D.2.A in both proposals to append “Calls for initiation of physical violence in a manner that is in violation of the non-aggression principle”
 - Seconded
 - Open for debate
 - Vote
 - Amendment fails to pass on voice vote
- Motion to amend both instances 2.c eliminating “significant” with “monetary or in-kind”
 - Seconded
 - Open for debate
 - Vote
 - Motion fails on voice vote
- Motion to accept the substitute as amended shall replace the main proposal as amended
 - Open to debate and question
 - Vote
 - Passes with simple majority
- Call the question
 - Vote:
 - passes
- Vote for amended substitute proposal L
 - Motion passes

Amend Article V: Membership, adding a new section D:

D. Membership Termination

1. The membership of any Member may be terminated by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee for cause.
2. Cause, for the purpose of this section, shall be limited to:
 - a. Calls for initiation of force, or the initiation of force.
 - b. Theft or destruction of, or gross negligence regarding, party assets,
 - c. Running in an election as a “Libertarian” in competition with a candidate endorsed by the State Party, or providing significant support for a candidate doing the same.

3. Prior to a vote, the Executive Committee shall perform due diligence regarding the cause(s) for termination including getting a statement from the Member to be terminated.

4. The Executive Committee shall perform due diligence to notify the Member in writing, expeditious, and at least 10 days before the Executive Committee is to vote on the matter. The member shall have the right to speak on their own behalf before the Executive Committee vote.

5. Any Member terminated by this section shall have the right to appeal to the Judicial Committee within 21 days. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 14 and 30 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify the appellant, who shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. If the Judicial Committee refuses to hear the appeal or does not rule on it within 60 days of the termination, the person whose membership was terminated shall be immediately reinstated as a Member.

6. No membership shall be terminated under this section in the 60-day period prior to an annual or business convention.

7. The person who had their membership terminated may not rejoin the State Party until after the following state convention.

- Motion to reconsider proposal K
 - Open to debate
 - Passes
- Motion to amend proposal K replace “LPNH Members” with “National and/or State Libertarian Party members”
 - Seconded
 - Open for debate
 - Vote
 - Passes
- Committees
 - Platform
 - Ben Weir
 - Ryan Hebert
 - Alex Lemp
 - Chris Maden
 - Motion to adopt slate
 - Motion passes. Platform committee elected as listed
 - Bylaws and rules
 - Rich Tomasso
 - Ryan Hebert
 - Josh Elbahrawy
 - Patrick Binder
 - Motion to adopt slate
 - Seconded and passed
 - Judicial
 - Jack Garber - Not eligible, duration of membership
 - Patrick Binder - elected
 - Robert Lombardo - elected
 - Ashleigh Nelson - elected
 - Regan Bennington Elliot - elected?
 - Dennis Pratt - elected
 - Tim Henshaw - elected
 - Motion to do a written vote
 - Seconded
 - Open to debate
 - Vote

- Approved
- New business
 - Motion for bylaws and rules
 - Bylaw Proposal to include current convention rules as our standing rules
 - Question called
 - Vote passed
 - Vote for proposal
 - Passed with voice vote

Motion to add Section (5) to IX G section 5:

- **Conflict of interest.** No committee member of the Judicial Committee may be married to or related to the LPNH Chair or any other member of the Executive Committee. Any JC committee member, once elected, must RECUSE themselves whenever presented with a case that involves themselves or family member.

- Motion tabled while signatures are collected
- Signatures collected in time
- Motion to extend 10 minutes
 - Seconded
 - Passed on voice vote
- Motion to amend
 - Strike first sentence: “No committee member of the Judicial Committee may be married to or related to the LPNH Chair or any other member of the Executive Committee.”
 - Amend second sentence: “Any JC committee member, once elected, must RECUSE themselves whenever presented with a case that involves themselves, close family member or close friend.”
 - Open to debate
 - Motion to amend the amendment
 - Strike “close friends” from the amendment
 - Open to debate
 - Vote
 - Passes
 - Motion to amend the amendment
 - Append “or romantic partner”
 - Seconded
 - Open to debate
 - Vote passes on voice vote
 - Proposal as amended:
 - “Any JC committee member, once elected, must RECUSE themselves whenever presented with a case that involves themselves, close family member or romantic partner.”
 - Vote
 - Aye 28
 - Nay 7
 - Of 41
 - Passes

Motion to extend time by 5 minutes
Vote fails

- Raffle raffle raffle
 - Winner: ROB