

LPNH 2024 Convention Minutes

January 20th, 2024 at Backyard Brewery in Manchester, NH

Call to order at 9:58 am.

Credentials committee report by Rosa Brennan:

- 29 Delegates
- 4 prospective delegates
 - Jeremy Kauffman
 - Reed Coverdale
 - Matt Gebhart
 - Josh Holmes

Motion to accept delegates. Seconded. Passed.

Total of 33 delegates

Approval of agenda. Motion to approve. Seconded.

Agenda approve.

Chair recognizes Nick Hubbard.

Motion to suspend the rules to hear amendment to the bylaws.

Point of order by Rich Tomasso

Motion seconded.

Vote for the motion:

- 19 in favor
- 13 against
- Motion fails.

Three new delegates admitted to make 36 delegates.

Convention committee report.

Everything is great.

Officer Reports.

Chairr: Total membership: TBD

Looking forward to election season

Treasurer:

Beginning: 29, 485.88

End: 32, 367.57

Gain of around 3 thousand dollars.

Money raised through dues and donations.

Secretary: Nothing to add.

Committee Reports

Communications committee: Jeremy Kauffman reading.

X (twitter) 6 188 posts. 5 members on account.

25, 363 followers, more followers than

Over 90 million impressions.

Continue to deliver in-state activism.

Numerous influential followers.

Monetization \$5000 potential.

Selling memberships should be priority.

Better procedures for approval of tweets to avoid conflict.

Next closest affiliate is 28k Texas LP.

Account growth from 12k to 63 k in 2 years.

What is success for future comms

More money from monetization.

Chair: monetization can bring in tax implications and filings. So it is under further discussion.

Judicial Committee: Dennis Pratt

One issue. The issue of the chair control of communication

Met 6 times. Tough issue but the comms committee controlled by EC not chair.

Bylaw recommendation made by JC.

Membership Committee

167 members currently. Hit over 180 during the year.

Membership grows best with strong communication.

Platform Committee

No platform changes to report on.

Bylaw Report

1st Bylaw suggestion:

Proposed Change: Strike CEO reference in VI.F.1:

VI. Officers

F. Chair

1. The Chair shall ~~be the chief executive officer of the State Party, holding~~ hold the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the State Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the State Convention.

The Chair shall serve as presiding officer for meetings of the Executive Committee and the State Convention.

Reason for the Change: To resolve the confusion associated with the corporate-world term 'chief executive officer.' A term generally associated with an officer elected by a 'board of directors.' That not being the case with the LPNH Bylaws and Rules, the term can be eliminated

without requiring other significant changes.

- Under discussion
- Call to vote:
 - o Motion passes

2nd bylaw suggestio:

To Clarify that Officers are Bound By Decisions of the Executive Committee
and Members of the Executive Committee Must Attend Meetings

Proposed Change: Addition of Section VI.K.3 and VI.K.4

- Under discussion
- Move to vote on the motion as written.
 - o Motion Fails

-Motion is now open for amendment.

3. Officers shall be bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee.

4. Officers shall attend at least two of every three regular Exectutive Committee meetings.
If the officer knows he or she will miss any meeting, the officer shall provide notice to the
rest of the Executitive Committee in a timely fashion.

- Amendment is now open for discussion.

-Call to question, What is the defintion of timely fashion?

Call to question. Seconded.

Move to vote on Amendment.

-Amendment carries

Move to change.

Motion carries

3rd By law Suggestion

Defining “for cause” in the removal of an officer

Proposed Change: Addition of Section VI.L.1:

VI. Officers

L. The Executive Committee may, for cause...

1. Cause shall include, but not be limited to: dereliction of duty, malfeasance, theft of or damage to state or affiliate party property, creating legal liability for the state party or an affiliate, causing ill repute of the state party, or acting in detriment to the goals and interests of the state party.

- Open for discussion.

All in favor 21

Against 8

Motion carries change passes.

Updated delegate count. 2 new additional delegates to 38. 1 delegate left. Now 37.

4th Bylaw Suggestion

Open and transparent EC Meetings

Proposed Change: Addition of a sentence into VII.B.3 to include the entire membership:

VII Executive Committee

B. Meetings

3. The committee shall, as part of the agenda of every meeting, set a date, time, and place for the next meeting. A notice reminding the members of the meeting schedule shall be provided to all Executive Committee members via electronic methods of communication by the Secretary at least seven days prior to the start of the meeting. Notice of upcoming meetings shall be provided to the membership via regular party communications. Except for matters to be taken in Executive Secessions, all Executive Committee meetings shall be open to the

general Membership.

Reason for the Change: To encourage party members to engage, be informed and to participate in party affairs throughout the year, not only at the annual convention.

-Open for discussion

Move to vote

-Motion carries. Change passes.

5th Bylaw Suggestion

Clarify JC duties on Recall petitions

Proposed Change: Strike existing VII.D.2 and addition of VII.D.2, 3, 4, 5, 6:

VII Executive Committee

D. Recall

2. If a recall petition is submitted, the Judicial Committee shall verify its authenticity, investigate the matter, and render a decision no later than 30 days after the verification of the petition. A 2/3 vote of all Judicial Committee members is required to remove an Executive Committee member.

2. If a recall petition is submitted, the Judicial Committee shall verify whether it meets the criteria of section 1 within 7 days of receipt.

3. If the petition is verified, the Judicial Committee shall determine if any of the reasons specified in the petition rise to the level of removal, investigate the matter, hold a hearing if necessary, and render a decision within 30 days of the verification.

4. If the committee deems it appropriate, it may, with a 2/3 vote, temporarily suspend the voting rights of the Executive Committee member until the matter is resolved.

5. A 2/3 vote of all Judicial Committee members is required to remove an Executive Committee member.

6. The Judicial Committee shall provide a written decision to the interested parties and for state party records.

Reason for the Change: To clarify the JD's roles and powers in a recall.

Move to vote.

Motion carries. Change is passed.

6th By law change suggestion

Add Comms and JC to policy manual

Proposed Change: To include communications and media policies and judicial committee procedures to the policy manual required in Section VII.C.3:

VII. Executive Committee

C. General Provisions

3. The Executive Committee shall maintain a Policy Manual. The manual shall include all rules that govern the Executive Committee not specified within the Bylaws or Rules of Order; The Party's standard operating Procedures; Communications and Media Policies; Judicial Committee Procedures; and any other information deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

Reason for the Change: To make consistent references to policy manual contents across the bylaws.

-Motion carries. Change is passed.

8. JC to Establish Written Procedures for Handling Petitions

Proposed Change: Addition of IX.G.5:

IX. Standing Committees

G. Judicial Committee

5. The Judicial Committee shall provide procedures for submitting petitions, conducting investigations, rules for hearings, and other matters deemed necessary for committee operations for the state party's policy manual.

Reason for the Change: To provide a procedural guideline for the JC to follow when handling petitions for the purpose of ensuring due process of grievances.

-Motion carries. Change is passed.

Nick Hubbard moves to amend bylaws. Motion seconded.

If, after an election for officers has ended, one (or more) officer position(s) remain vacant (for example, in the case of None of the Above being elected to a position), the eligibility requirements under Article V, Section C and Article VI, Section B may be suspended to expand the pool of eligible nominees to include all party members in good standing present at convention, at which point a subsequent election for the still-vacant officer position(s) may be held.

The preceeding amendment proposal is requested by the following delegates.

-Joshua Elbahrawy

-Masha Bloodworth

-Ryan Bloodworth

-Matt Gebhart

-Erik Sawyer

-Zephan Wood

-Nick Hubbard

Move to vote on hearing the proposed motion.

31 in favor

6 against

Motion passes.

Open for Discussion.

Move to a vote on the amendment as written.

In favor: 23

Against: 12

Break for lunch at 12:00 pm

Return from Lunch at 1:30 pm

Nick Hubbard moves to add V.C.3 to the bylaws consisting of the following wording:

3. The above requirements concerning the duration of party membership for delegate and officer eligibility may be suspended at convention by a 2/3 vote of credentialed delegates.

The undersigned request for the above amendment to be heard on the floor:

Reed Coverdale, Ryan Bloodworth, Masha Bloodworth, Patrick Binder, Erik Sawyer,
Zephan Wood.

Floor is open for discussion.

Move to a vote on this motion. Seconded.

Motion Passes.

Ryan Bloodworth moves to suspend the duration requirements for officer election eligibility.

Motion is approved.

No credentials committee report.

Officer Elections

Chair

Ben Weir nominates **Robley Hall** and himself. Robley accepts.

Patrick Binder nominates **Joshua Holmes**. He accepts.

Reagan nominates **Stephen Villee**. He accepts.

Bill Barger nominates **NOTA**

Nominees give speech for chair position.

Stephen Villee starts.

Josh Holmes next speech.

Last is Ben Weir.

Voting and counting is being conducted.

Counting is completed.

2 votes for Robley

7 votes for Ben

7 votes for Stephen

22 votes for Josh

Josh is elected as Chair

Vice Chair

Nick Hubbard nominates himself for vice chair.

Mark nominates Ben for vice chair he accepts.

Ben wants wants to make LPNH Emo Again.

Nick makes his case for VC.

Voting and counting is being conducted.

The vote is a tie at 19 each.

- Ben withdraws

Nick is elected as Vice Chair.

Treasurer

Jeremy nominates Zephan Wood, he accepts.

Jack Garber nominates Stephen Villee. He accepts.

Zephan makes his case for Treasurer.

Stephen declines to speak.

Voting and counting is underway.

26 votes for Zephan and 10 votes for Stephen.

Zephan is elected Treasurer.

Secretary

Nick nominates Ryan Bloodworth as Secretary, he accepts.

Jeremy nominates Robley, he declines.

Renita nominates Sean Brennan, he declines.

Nolan nominates NOTA.

Ryan

At large

Jack Garber nominates himself.

Sean Brennan nominates **Reinita Susman**, she accepts.

Sean Brennan nominates **Josh Elbahrawy**, he accepts electronically

Mark nominates **Stephen Villee** he accepts

Sean nominates **Matthew Fletcher**, he accepts.

Nick Hubbard nominates **Brandon Stephens**, he accepts.

Voting and counting is being conducted.

37 total votes, need 19 for election

Reinita gets 20 votes. Is elected

Steve Villee 16

Josh Elbahrawy 12

Jack Garber 7

Brandon Stephens 6

Matt Fletcher 6

2nd round Voting

14 Matt Fletcher

12 Steve Villee

7 Josh Elbahrawy

3 Jack Garber

Jack Garber withdraws from At Large nomination.

3rd round results

38 votes counted, 20 needed for majority

Steve 14

Jack 1

Matt 19

Josh 4

4th round voting results

Steve Villee 10

Josh Elbahrawy 2

Matt Fletcher 24

Matt is elected to the 2nd at large position.

Platform Committee Nomination

Ryan Bloodworth, Ben Weir, and Alex Lemp.

No objections to the committee nominations.

Judicial Committee

Dennis Pratt, Regan Elliot, Patrick Binder, Nolan Pelletier, Alex Lemp

No objections to nominees, they are elected to the Judicial Committee.

2024 National Convention Delegate Voting

Move to suspend the rules for plurality voting. Seconded.

Motion to vote on the suspension of the rules.

Motion Fails

1. Robley Hall 2. Dennis Pratt 3. Ryan Hebert 4. Sean Dempsey 5. Zephan Wood 6. Reinita Susman 7. Rich Tomasso 8. Jack Garber 9. Jeremy Kauffman 10. Erik Sawyer 11. Reed Coverdale	1. Regan Elliott 2. Ben Weir 3. Ryan Bloodworth 4. Masha Bloodworth 5. Nick Hubbard 6. Nick Sarwark 7. Rosa Brennan 8. Jess Pelletier 9. Nolan Pelletier 10. Kevin Kahn 11. Bill Barger
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Voting Results, majority is 20 votes.

32 Robley

30 Reinita

30 Jeremy

28 Dennis

28 Jess P

26 Reed

26 Nolan

25 Erik

25 Ben

25 Zephan

24 Bill B

23 Rosa

22 Nick H

Rich Tomasso (after 2nd round of voting)

Delegate Alternates

Sean Dempsey

Ryan Hebert

Ryan Bloodworth

Masha Bloodworth

Kevin Kahn

Nick Sarwark

Alternate Vote totals:

Sean D 30

Ryan H 24

Ryan B 17

Nominations for Governor

No nomination from the floor.

Motion for the Executive Committee to nominate candidates for any elected office for the New Hampshire Libertarian Party. Seconded.

Motion under discussion.

Motion up for a vote.

Aye 17

Nay 8

Motion Passes.

Convention is adjourned at 5:05 PM.

