

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NORTH CAROLINA
MINUTES OF THE 2014 STATE CONVENTION
Hilton Garden Hotel, Durham
April 5-6, 2014

I. Opening

- A. The Convention was called to order by LPNC Chair J.J. Summerell at 8:30 a.m.
- B. Executive Director Brad Hessel gave the membership secretary's report; XX delegates were registered.
- C. Brian Irving moved that all LPNC members present and registered by qualified as delegates. The motion passed.
- D. It was moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted (attachment 1). The motion passed.
- E. Chair J.J. Summerell presented the State of the Party Address.

II. Speaker - Dr. Jim Lark, Libertarian national Committee at-large member, presented a talk "The Libertarian Party: Where We Are, Where We Are Going."

III. Platform Committee Report

- A. The chair recognized Mr. Irving to present the Platform Committee Report (attachment 2) and preside over the Convention for the report.
- B. Mr. Irving explained the rules for debating and voting on the committee's recommendations.
- C. Recommendation 1, Continue the Platform Committee.
 1. Tom Howe raised a point of order that this recommendation constitutes a resolution of the delegates, not a change to the platform per se and as such, is inappropriate to consider at this time. Mr. Howe also objected to Mr. Irving presiding over the discussion of this point. Mr. Irving stepped aside as Acting Chair of the Convention and Mr. Summerell took over.
 2. Mr. Howe requested a ruling on his point of order that the recommendation be ruled out of order. The Chair ruled that considering this recommendation was in order. Mr. Howe called for a vote on the ruling. The ruling of the Chair was upheld by a vote of 14-7.
 3. Brian Lewis moved to close discussion on the recommendation, seconded by Erik Raudsep. The motion was approved 14-1. Mr. Raudsep moved to table the recommendation. Mr. Howe seconded. The motion passed 16-7.
- D. The chair asked Mr. Irving to resume presiding over the Convention, and continue presenting the Platform Committee Report.
- E. Recommendation 2: Replace "The LPNC" with "We" Throughout the Platform.
 1. Mr. Howe moved to amend the recommendation to the inverse, to replace "We" with "the LPNC" everywhere in the document. Chris Dooley seconded.
 2. John Martin moved to call the question, seconded by Bjorn Pedersen. The motion passed 25-1.
 3. The amendment was defeated 13-14.
 4. Mr. Martin called for a vote on the original recommendation, seconded by Mr. Lewis. The motion passed 12-10. The Convention then voted on recommendation two. The vote was 14-12. The recommendation was not adopted. (A two-thirds vote of delegates present and voting is required to adopt a platform change.)
- F. Mr. Irving requested Mr. Summerell to resume the Chair's set so that he could make a motion. Mr. Irving then moved that the Convention approve the chair designating him to resume the role as Acting Chair for the remainder of Platform Committee Report. Mr. Pedersen seconded. The motion passed 25-1.
- G. Discussion of the Platform Committee Report was suspended for Orders of the Day.

IV. Introduction of Candidates and Candidate Stump Speeches. Several candidates presented their stump speeches.

V. The Convention recessed for lunch at noon.

VI. The Convention reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

- A. Mr. Jay Gladiux from the N.C. Coalition for Lobbying and Government Reform made a presentation entitled “End Gerrymandering Now.”
- B. Rachel Mills, former Ron Paul staffer, presented the talk “Five Lessons in Smart Politics from a Ron Paul Campaign Insider.”

VII. Platform Committee Report resumed, with Mr. Irving presiding.

- A. Recommendation 3, Replace Plank Democracy with Plank Ballot Access, presented by Mr. Howe. The plank was adopted 14-1.
- B. Recommendation 4, Add New Plank Representative Government, presented by Mr. Pedersen.
 1. John Potthoff moved to amend the recommendation to add Condorcet voting to the list of alternative voting methods listed. Bobby Emory seconded.
 - a) Barbara Howe moved to call the question, seconded by Mr. Howe. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b) The amendment was adopted 11-8.
 2. Ray Ubinger moved to amend the plank to add the sentence “The state-wide general ban on write-in voting (GS163-123) should be repealed” at the end. David Hoesly seconded.
 - a) Mrs. Howe moved to call the question, seconded by Mr. Howe, and the motion passed 17-1. The amendment was adopted 15-6.
 3. The recommended plank, as amended, was adopted 17-2.
- C. Mr. Pedersen presented Recommendation 4, to add a new plank Redistricting.
 1. Mr. Howe moved to strike the word “contiguity” from the plank, seconded by Mr. Ubinger.
 - a) Mrs. Howe called the question, and the motion passed 14-1.
 - b) The vote on the motion to strike “continuity” failed 3-14.
 2. Shane Killian moved to strike the entire second paragraph, except for the last sentence. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ubinger. The amendment was adopted 9-6.
 3. The recommendation, as amended, was adopted 15-5.
- D. Mr. Irving presented Recommendation 6, Revise Plank Immigration. The plank was adopted 18-3

VIII. The Convention recessed at 3:31 p.m.

IX. The Convention reconvened at 8:35 a.m. April 6.

- A. Mr. Irving moved, with David Speight seconding, to slip the remaining items on the agenda by 30 minutes to allow time to complete the Platform Committee Report. The motion passed.
- B. Recommendation 7, Revise plank End the War on Drugs.
 1. Mr. Emory moved to amend the recommendation by substituting “Since the beginnings of the LPNC we have called) for the words “the LPNC calls.” Andy (?) seconded. The amendment was approved 11-2.
 2. The recommendation, as amended, was adopted 11-2.
- C. Recommendation 8, Combine and Revise Planks Environment” and Pollution. This recommendation was adopted 11-2.
- D. Mr. Irving opened discussion to platform recommendations from the floor.
 1. Mr. Howe moved adoption of a plank “North Carolina Militia,” with the same wording as in the Platform Committee minority report. Phil Jacobson seconded.

- a) Mr. Emory moved to amend the recommendation to replace the word “militia” with “home guard.” Mr. Howe and Mr. Jacobson accepted this as a friendly amendment.
 - b) Mr. Irving turned the chair over to Mr. Summerell so that he could comment on the proposal.
 - c) Mr. Irving moved to call the question, seconded by Mr. Hessel, and the motion was approved 11-1.
 - d) Adoption of the recommendation failed, 9-7.
- E. Mr. Irving resumed the chair and the Convention considered the tabled Platform Committee Recommendations 1.
1. Mrs. Howe moved to call the question, seconded by Mr. Lewis. The motion was approved 12-2.
 2. The platform committee recommendation was adopted 11-5.
- X. Elections. Mr. Summerell resumed the presider chair.
- A. Recording secretary. There were no nominations for recording secretary.
- B. Membership Secretary. Mr. Hoesly nominated Ginny Godfrey. There were no other nominations. The vote was: Godfrey 15, NOTA 5.
- C. Executive Committee At-Large.
1. Mr. Hessel nominated Ken Penkowsi. Mrs. Howe nominated Chris Dooley. There were no other nominations.
 2. Mr. Hessel moved, and Mr. Lewis seconded, to suspend the rules and elect Mr. Penkowsi and Mr. Dooley by acclamation. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
- D. Judicial Committee.
1. Mr. Lewis moved to suspend the rules and elect Barbara Howe, Thomas Hohman, David Speight, Bobby Emory and Dr. Mike Munger to the Judicial Committee. Mr. Hessel seconded the motion.
 2. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
- E. National Convention Delegates. The LPNC is entitled to 26 delegates and 26 alternates.
1. Mr. Hessel moved to suspend the rules and by acclamation elect J.J. Summerell, Ken Penkowsi, Brad Hessel Barbara Howe, David Hoesly and Aaron Michel as National Convention Delegates, and to authorize Mr. Summerell as chair of the delegation to appoint additional delegates. Mr. Lewis seconded.
 2. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- XI. Kevin Innes presented the talk “Creating Your Successful Task Force.”
- XII. The Convention adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Brad Hessel
Executive Director

Brian Irving
Acting Recording Secretary