



*2020 Libertarian Party of Nevada (LPN) State Convention Agenda
Saturday, February 29th, 2020 at 10:00 AM at The Beacon Center; 4505
W. Hacienda Ave. Ste. G-2, Las Vegas, NV 89118*

Call to Order

Meeting is called to order by Chair Smith at 10:11 AM

Convention Committee Chair Introduction

Smith yields the floor to Robert Van Strauder. Van Strauder takes to the floor to deliver a convention chair speech. Van Strauder yields the floor back to Chair Smith at 10:23 AM

Credentialing Report

Chair Smith yields the floor to Secretary Pombo for delivery of the Credential Report.

A Total of 38 dues paying members are present; requiring a 20 person affirmation for majority votes and 26 person affirmative for 2/3s vote.

A total of 4 additional members in good-standing are present; requiring a 23 person affirmation for majority votes and a 28 person affirmation for a 2/3s vote.

Adoption of Agenda

Treasurer Hagan moves to amend the agenda to add an open forum agenda item to appear after "Any Remaining Business Deemed Necessary and Proper" for members running for Libertarian National Committee, National Office, or President with a time limit not to exceed two minutes for each person.

NRR Dave Jones seconds the motion

Affirmation sought by voice vote; motion carries without objection. Amendment is added to the agenda as proposed.

VC Colborne moves the motion.

Affirmation sought by voice vote; without objection. Agenda is adopted.

Adoption of Special Rules of Order

Colborne moves to accept the three special rules as written

Seconded by NRR Dave Jones



Affirmation sought by Voice vote, motion carries without objection

Appoint a Permanent Convention Chair & Secretary

DiBenedetto moves to appoint Chair Smith as Convention Chair

Seconded by McFadden-Koch

Affirmation sought by voice vote; motion carries without objection

NRR Dave Jones nominates Secretary Pombo for the position of convention secretary

Seconded by ALR Dedmon

Affirmation sought by voice vote; motion carries with one objection

Appointment of a Sergeant-at-Arms

DiBenedetto moves to appoint Steve Brown as Sergeant-at-Arms

Seconded by ALR Dedmon

Affirmation sought by voice vote; motion carries without objection

Officer's Reports

- **Treasurer's Report**

Chair Smith yields the floor to Treasurer Hagan to deliver the treasurer's report as provided by physical copy to members of convention.

Treasurer Hagan takes questions from the floor from membership.

Treasurer Hagan yields the floor back to Chair Smith.

- **Secretary's Report**

Chair Smith yields the floor to secretary Pombo. Pombo delivers a report. Pombo yields floor back to Chair Smith.

- **Northern Regional, Southern Regional, & At-Large Representative Reports**

Chair Smith yields the floor to NRR Jones for Northern Regional Representative Report

Chair Smith yields the floor to SRR Dedmon for Southern Regional Representative Report

- **Vice-Chairman's Report**

Chair Smith Yields the floor to VC David Colborne for Vice Chair Report

- **Chairman's Report**

Chair Smith takes the floor to deliver Chair's Report

Selection of Candidates for Partisan Public Office



Dedmon nominates Timothy Hagan for State Senate District 5

Seconded by McFadden-Koch

Chair smith opens the floor for additional nomination for SSD 5. Hearing no other nominations, nominations are closed.

Affirmation sought by voice vote; motion carries without objection.

Colborne nominates Dave Jones for State Assembly District 39

Seconded by Koch

Chair smith opens the floor for additional nomination for SAD 39. Hearing no other nominations, nominations are closed.

Affirmation sought by voice vote; motion carries without objection.

Brown nominates Robert Van Strauder for Congressional District 1

Seconded by Dedmon

Chair smith opens the floor for additional nomination for Congressional District 1. Hearing no other nominations, nominations are closed.

Affirmation sought by voice vote; motion carries without objection.

Luckner Nominates Johnathan Royce Esteban for Congressional District 4

Seconded by DiBenedetto

Chair Smith opens the floor for additional nomination for CD 4. Hearing no other nominations, nominations are closed.

Affirmation sought by voice vote; motion carries without objection.

Colborne Nominates Liz DeSignore for State Assembly District 42



Seconded by NRR Dave Jones

Chair smith opens the floor for additional nomination for SAD 5. Hearing no other nominations, nominations are closed.

Affirmation sought by voice vote; motion carries without objection.

Brown nominates Colborne for CD2; Colborne rejects the nomination.

Hearing no further nominations, chair smith closes the floor.

Pombo moves for 10 minute recess at 11:22 AM

Seconded by Kock

Affirmation sought by voice vote; majority prevails

The credential report adds one member in good standing, to bring the total members in good standing to 43.

Chair Smith calls the meeting back to order at 11:39 AM

Bylaws Amendments*

Amendment 1 - Proposed Amendment to Article III. Membership; Section 2

Summary as provided by proposing member: The proposal is to change the annual contribution requirement from sixty dollars (\$60) to twenty-five dollars (\$25).

Proposed Amendment:

Section 2. Dues-paying Membership: Any resident of Nevada shall be considered a dues-paying member of the LPN provided they:

- A. Already qualify as a general member under Section 1,
- B. and have donated at least ~~sixty dollars (\$60)~~ **twenty-five dollars (\$25)** in monetary or in-kind contributions to the LPN in the past 365 days.



Chair smith yields the floor to proposing member Melchin, Melchin yields the floor to member Hurley for argument in favor of the motion.

Member Hurley speaks of the need of amendment to have the Bylaws Amendment become effective after the close of the convention.

Colborne takes floor to speak in general favor of the motion

DiBenedetto takes floor to speak in opposition of the motion

McFadden-Koch takes the floor to speak in opposition of the motion

Member takes floor out of order to speak in opposition of the motion

Member Mills takes floor to speak in opposition of the motion

Member in good-standing Neil Scott takes floor in opposition of the motion

Time expires for the debate period.

Chair Smith moves the question. Voice vote taken; unanimous objection with no members in support as written.

Chair smith opens the floor for amendments to the primary proposal.

Hurley moves for amendment as written on the board in convention for review adding “to take effect at the close of the 2020 convention” to the end of section B

Seconded by Melchin

Voice vote taken, clear majority in favor of amendment to the proposal with approximately three members in opposition.

Chair smith calls the main motion to question.

DiBenedetto calls for division for the vote

Chair Smith calls the item to question with a procedure vote of hand raising for vote count

Secretary Pombo counts the room aloud in order while pointing to individual members.

Ten (10) members recorded in favor, verified by a second count

Twenty-Two (22) members recorded in opposition.

Two (2) members abstain

Failing to receive a two-thirds vote, the primary motion fails. The bylaws are not amended.



Amendment 2 - Proposed Amendment to Article III. Membership; Section 2

Summary as provided by proposing member: The proposal is to add a third requirement to Section 2 requiring dues-paying members to certify in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 2. Dues-paying Membership: Any resident of Nevada shall be considered a dues-paying member of the LPN provided they:

- A. Already qualify as a general member under Section 1,
- B. and have donated at least sixty dollars (\$60) in monetary or in-kind contributions to the LPN in the past 365 days.
- C. and have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.

Chair Smith yields the floor to proposing member Melchin to present the agenda item.

NRR Jones yields to MIGS Pappalano for a point of personal privilege

NRR Jones takes the floor to argue in opposition of the amendment as proposed

VC Colborne takes floor to argue in favor of the amendment as proposed

Hearing no further debate, Chair smith closes discussion for amendment two.

Chair smith calls the motion to question

Secretary Pombo counts the room aloud in order while pointing to individual members.

Eight (8) members recorded in favor

Nineteen (19) members recorded in opposition

Ten (10) members abstain

Failing to receive a two-thirds affirmative vote, the primary motion fails.

Chair smith opens the floor for amendments to the primary proposal.

Member XXX Moves to amend the proposal to add “armed” previous to the word “force” in the original proposal.

Seconded by Hurley

Hurley moves to propose a substitution amendment to strike “initiation of armed force” and replace it with “use of political violence”.

Seconded by Melchin



Pombo moves the question

Secretary Pombo counts the room aloud in order while pointing to individual members.

Fourteen (14) members recorded in favor

Seven (7) members recorded in opposition

Twelve (12) members abstain

Failing to receive a two-thirds vote, the amendment to the primary motion fails.

Chair Smith Moves the question to vote with the "Armed" amendment

Secretary Pombo counts the room aloud in order while pointing to individual members.

Zero (0) members recorded in favor

Twenty-Five (25) members recorded in opposition

Eight (8) members abstain

Failing to receive a two-thirds vote, the primary motion fails. The bylaws are not amended.

Amendment 3 - Proposed Amendment to Article IV. Convention; Section 9

Summary as provided by proposing member: The proposal adds a substantial level of detail to the process of electing delegates to the Libertarian Party National Convention and changes it from a simple "majority vote" to a style of approval voting. In addition, it allocates two delegate seats to the LPN chair and vice-chair and adopts a mechanism that ensures state-wide representation, and not just Clark County representation, by requiring that at least two delegate seats be occupied by members living outside of Clark County. Lastly, it changes how vacancies are filled prior to the National Convention from being voted on by the LPN Executive Committee to being replaced by the next highest ranked nominee from the state convention.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 9. ~~National Convention Delegates. The LPN may nominate delegates to the Libertarian Party National Convention by majority vote of the Convention during an even-numbered year.~~

~~A. Should any vacancy arise prior to the start of the National Convention, the Executive Committee is empowered to select a replacement by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.~~

~~B. Should a vacancy arise after the start of the National Convention, the credentialed delegates to the National Convention are empowered to select replacements by a majority vote. This vote shall be conducted by the delegate Chair, who is selected by the majority of Nevada, National Convention, credentialed delegates.~~

The LPN shall elect delegates to the Libertarian National Convention, hereinafter referred to as LNC, at every



Convention during an even-numbered year. The names of all dues-paying members in attendance that express their intention to serve as a delegate to the LNC to the LPN secretary shall have their names added to the ballot. Each ballot may receive a number of votes up to the number of available LNC delegate slots, not including two delegate slots which are to be set aside for the LPN Chair and Vice-Chair, with no more than one vote going to each delegate nominee.

Delegates to the LNC are then determined by ranking delegate nominees in descending order based on how many votes each nominee received with the LPN Chair and Vice-Chair occupying the first and second positions respectively. If fewer than two individuals currently residing outside of Clark County are designated as LNC delegates, the highest ranked individuals meeting such criteria are to replace the lowest ranked delegates until two non-Clark County residents are delegates.

A. Should any vacancy arise prior to the start of the LNC, the next highest ranked nominee shall fill the vacancy.

B. Should a vacancy arise after the start of the LNC, the credentialed delegates to the LNC shall select replacements by a majority vote. This vote shall be conducted by the delegate Chair, who is selected by the majority of Nevada LNC credentialed delegates.

Chair smith yields the floor to proposing member Melchin.

DiBenedetto makes a point of order relating to procedure with current election procedure.

VC Colborne takes the floor to deliver opposition

Member DiBenedetto takes floor to deliver opposition

Member asks for clarity on the current procedure of voting.

Time expires for debate

Member asks a question relating to immediate effectiveness; determined by Robert's to take effect after the current convention.

Chair Smith moves to call to question

Secretary Pombo counts the room aloud in order while pointing to individual members.

Eight (8) members recorded in favor

Twenty-Five (25) members recorded in opposition

Two (2) members abstain

Failing to receive a two-thirds vote, the primary motion fails. The bylaws are not amended.



Chair smith opens the floor for amendments to the primary proposal.

Amendment proposed by Melchin to add language as seen below before Section A. of the proposed amendment:

“In the event of a tie that would result in there being more seated delegates than allotted delegates of all nominees engaged in the tie were seated, the matter shall be resolved by a vote by the seated delegates of those nominees engaged in the tie.”

Pombo moves for a ten minute recess at 12:50 PM, seconded by chair smith.

Chair Smith calls the meeting back to order at 1:03 PM

The floor is opened to debate on the amendment. Proposing member Melchin takes the floor to speak in favor of the amendment.

No members rise to speak in opposition

Colborne moves to call to question

Seconded by DelSignore

With no objections to the motion to call to question, the motion to call to question carries.

Secretary Pombo counts the room aloud in order while pointing to individual members.

Eight (8) members in favor

Twenty-Four (24) members in opposition

Three (3) members abstain

Failing to receive a two-thirds vote, the primary motion fails. The bylaws are not amended.

Dibenedetto moves for recess at 1:13 PM until 2:00 PM for the purpose of lunch.

Seconded by Newman.

Hearing no objections, motion carries.

Chair Smith calls the meeting back to order at 2:09 PM



Selection of National Convention Delegates & Alternatives*

Selection of national convention delegates and alternatives

Chair Smith takes the floor to open nominations and begins entertaining nominations from the floor

Charles Melchin

Jason Smith

Timothy Hagan

Bruce James-Newman

Debra Payne

Jennifer Haman

Jeff Hurley

Dave Jones

Gregg Luckner

Liz DelSignore

Johnathan Royce Esteban

Patsy Choat

Nicholas Bajurin

Paolina Taglienti

David Colborne

Steven Choat

Matt Baldoni

Adam Haman

Louis Pombo

Kevin Hagan

Alex DiBenedetto



Steve Brown

Robert Van Strauder

James "Spencer" Oller

33 ballots distributed among membership.

Chair Smith moves to limit the time frame for each candidate for delegate speeches to one minute.
Seconded by Colborne. Hearing no objections, motion carries.

Anonymous Ballots are distributed with an approval voting system in place as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order. Ballots are collected by impartial observers and presented to secretary Pombo for count. Records maintained by Secretary Pombo for Results.

Having ten members of eleven positions receive a majority vote, ten delegates are decided.

Dibenedetto moves to suspend the rules regarding a majority vote for the last delegate position and to appoint the next highest position as a delegate even though they did not receive a seventeen vote majority

Seconded by colborne

Chair smith yields floor to dibenedetto

Call to question

27 in favor

0 in opposition

0 in abstention

Motion carries unanimously

Dibenedetto opens floor for alternate nominations

Seconded by mcfadden

Dibenedetto moves to renominate all those from the initial race that were not nominated

Member nominates adam sanacore

Koch Motion to suspend the rules to maximize votes per member to ten votes.

Seconded by McFadden



Dibenedetto moves to accept the top ten from the vote, regardless of whether or not they receive a majority

26 in favor

0 in opposition

3 abstain

The elected members to become National Delegates are as follows:

Jason Smith

Timothy Hagan

Debra Payne

Bruce James-Newman

Dave Jones

Gregg Luckner

Liz DelSignore

Patsy Choat

Paolina Taglienti

David Colborne

Louis Pombo

Kevin Hagan

Alex DiBenedetto

All candidates are forwarded to a secondary runoff to determine alternate positions. The floor is reopened for nominations for alternates. Member nominates Adam Sanacore.

An identical procedure election continues for alternates. The alternates, in order of preference of the membership, are as follows:

1 - Robert Van Strawder

2 - Jonathan Royce Esteban

3 - Steve Brown



4 - Charles Melchin

5 - Jennifer Haman

6 - Matt Baldoni

7 - James "Spencer" Oller

8 - Adam Haman

9 - Adam Sanacore

10 - Jeff Hurley

Any Remaining Business Deemed Necessary and Proper

The floor is opened for speeches for persons running for federal office or nomination within the Libertarian Party

Richard Longforth speaks for himself for the position of National Vice-Chair

Caryn Ann Carlos speaks for herself for the position of National Secretary

John Monds speaks for himself for the Presidential nomination

Thrasher speaks for Lincoln Chafee for the Presidential nomination

Tim Hagan speaks for himself for the position of National Treasurer

Tim Hagan speaks for Joe Bishop Henchman for the position of National Chair

Aubrey speaks for Mike Shipley for the position of National Chair

Tim Benjamin speaks for Adam Kokesh for the Presidential nomination

Adjournment

Chair Smith moves to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 PM

**Indicates an agenda item for which only dues-paying members may vote or make a motion*

Special Thanks to the 2020 Convention Committee: Robert Van Strauder, Jason Smith, David Colborne, Louis Pombo, & Tim Hagan

Proposed Special Rules for Selection of candidates for Partisan Public Office:



Upon nomination of a candidate for partisan public office all nominations for other offices shall be closed until business with the office for which a nomination has occurred is concluded. Further nominations for the office shall be entertained from the floor.

None of the above (NOTA) shall be considered a valid nomination and will be considered in order after general nominations have been closed.

After nominations have closed each nominee shall have the floor for not more than five minutes. Nominees may yield the floor during this period for a period of not more than two minutes to a member in support.

NOTA May be nominated from the floor after candidate speech periods.

In the event of NOTA ascending the office may be considered once more for a general business item. In the event of NOTA ascending for a second set of nominations the position shall move forward as NOTA.

Proposed Special Rules for Bylaws Amendments:

Bylaws amendments as written shall be debated for a period of not more than eight (8) minutes before the Chair shall call the measure to a vote. Proposing member shall not be allotted more than four (4) of the eight (8) minutes. Should the vote fail, the floor shall be reopened for not more than ten (10) minutes to consider amendments to the agenda item. At the end of the ten minute period the chair shall close the floor and call for a final vote with any approved amendments from the floor.

Proposed Special Rules for Approval of Executive Committee Appointment of Nominees for Vacancies for Partisan Public Offices:

Motion to adopt a temporary policy to exist until March 15th, 2020:

To permit the Executive Committee of The Libertarian Party of Nevada to amend the List of Candidates for Partisan Public Office in order to allow for the Nomination of members to fill Partisan Public Office Nominations left Vacant from the 2020 State and County Conventions. All amendments to the List of Candidates for Partisan Public Office shall require a Majority vote of the Executive Committee. All amendments, if any, shall be submitted to the Secretary of State no later than the next business day by the Secretary of the Libertarian Party of Nevada.