

2017 (1-21-17) Libertarian Party of Nevada Convention Agenda & Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Brett Pojunis calls convention to order at 12:08 PM.

Credentialing Committee Report

Liz DeSignore takes the floor as Chair of the Credentialing Committee. Delivers Report of 30 Credentialed Delegates to Convention at time of call to order.

Agenda Adoption

Woodrow Johnson moves to adopt the agenda as presented to the membership, seconded by Secretary Alex DiBenedetto. Chair pojunis calls for objections, seeing none, **motion carries.**

Special Convention Rules Adoption

Chair Pojunis yields the floor to Secretary DiBenedetto for presentation of special rules as proposed on the reverse of the agenda provided by recommendation of the executive committee.

Secretary DiBenedetto moves to adopt the rules, Vice Chair Jason Smith seconds. With no objections, **motion carries.**

Selection of Permanent 2017 Convention Chair & Convention Secretary

Pojunis nominates Lou Pombo for convention secretary, Vice Chair Smith seconds. Seeing no objections, **motion carries.**

Secretary DiBenedetto nominates Pojunis for convention chair, Vice Chair Smith seconds, seeing no objections, **motion carries.**

Bylaws Amendments Relevant to Executive committee Elections

Pojunis yields floor to Northern Regional Representative David Colbourne for presentation of bylaws amendment proposal 6 with general intent to decrease the size of the Executive Committee from 9 members to 7 members, removing 2 At-Large Positions. as submitted by Secretary DiBenedetto.

Colborne yields floor to Chair Pojunis. Chair Pojunis asks if any member would like to speak against, no one takes the floor. Chair Pojunis moves to call to question. Calls for voice vote; with no objections, **motion carries.**

Outgoing Party Officers and Regional Representatives Reports

Chair Pojunis maintains floor and delivers Chair Officer Report.

Chair Pojunis Yields floor to Vice Chair Smith to deliver Vice Chair Officer Report. Vice Chair Smith yields the floor back to Chair Pojunis.

Chair Pojunis yields the floor to Secretary DiBenedetto to deliver Secretary Officer Report. Alex DiBenedetto yields the floor back to Chair Pojunis.

Chair Pojunis yields the floor to Treasurer Timothy Hagan to deliver Treasurer Officer Report. Physical copies of report/financial information are made available to membership in rear of room as per request. Treasurer Hagan yields floor back to Chair Pojunis.

Chair Pojunis yields the floor to Northern Regional Representative David Colborne to deliver the Northern Regional Representative Officers Report. Northern Regional Representative Colbourne yields the floor back to Chair Pojunis.

Recess #1

Jason Weinman moves for a 10 minute recess. Seconded by Woodrow Johnson.

Chair Pojunis Calls for objections. Treasurer Timothy Hagan objects.

Jason Weinman rescinds his motion.

Woodrow Johnson moves to amend the agenda to remove recess #1 from the agenda. Seconded by Jason Weinman.

Woodrow Johnson rescinds motion to amend the agenda.

Chair Pojunis yields floor to various members in order to present a video.

Video prepared by membership is shown relating to social media marketing.

Chair Pojunis yields floor to Vice Chair Smith for thanking membership for video preparation. Vice Chair Smith yields the floor back to Chair Pojunis. Chair Pojunis yields floor to Secretary DiBenedetto.

Secretary DiBenedetto moves for 10 minute recess, seconded by Chair Pojunis. Hearing no objections, motion carries. **Convention enters recess at 12:45 PM.**

Call to Order

Chair Pojunis Calls the meeting **back to order at 12:58 PM** - Liz DeSignore indicates no change to credentialed members (30).

Executive Committee Elections

Chair Pojunis calls for nominations for Chair. Deborah Debmon nominates Jason Smith. Jason Smith Accepts. No further nominations. Chair Pojunis yields the floor to Smith to speak on his own behalf for not more than 5 minutes. Multiple members speak on his behalf. Floor is yielded back to Chair Pojunis who yields the convention chairmanship position to M Carling for the purpose of conducting the elections. M Carling calls for a show of hands. A clear majority is shown in favor. Jason Smith is elected the Chair.

M Carling Calls for nominations for Vice Chair. Smith Nominates Colbourne for vice chair. No further nominations. M Carling closes nominations. Colbourne speaks on his own behalf. Colbourne yields floor to M. M Carling yields floor to Pojunis to speak on behalf of Colbourne. No members wish to speak on behalf of NOTA. M Carling calls for show of hands, Colbourne is elected by unanimous consent to the Vice Chair Position

M Carling calls for nominations for Secretary. Smith nominates Pombo for secretary. No further nominations. M Carling closes nominations. Pombo speaks on his own behalf. No members speak on behalf of NOTA. M Carling calls for show of hands, Pombo is elected by unanimous consent to the Secretary Position.

M Carling calls for nominations for Treasurer. Deborah Debmon nominates Timothy Hagan, no further nominations. Hagan speaks on his own behalf. No members on behalf of NOTA. M Carling calls for a vote by show of hands. Timothy Hagan is elected by unanimous consent. Timothy Hagan continues as the Treasurer.

M Carling calls for nominations for Northern Regional Representative. Colbourne Nominates Erin McHam for Northern Regional Representative. No further nominations. M Carling closes nominations. McHam speaks on her own behalf. No one speaks on behalf of NOTA. M Carling calls for a vote by show of hands. McHam is elected by unanimous consent as Northern Regional Representative.

M Carling calls for nominations for Southern Regional Representative. Hagan Nominates Debra Debmon. No further nominations, closed. Debmon speaks on her own behalf. No one speaks on behalf of nota. M Carling calls for vote by show of hands. Debmon elected by unanimous consent to Southern Regional Representative.

M Carling calls for nominations for At-Large Representative. Jason Smith Nominates Jason Weinman for At-Large Representative. There are no further nominations. Nominations closed. Weinman speaks on his own behalf. No one speaks on behalf of NOTA. M Carling calls for vote by show of hands. Weinman is elected by unanimous consent to the At-Large Representative Position.

Final Results

Chair - Jason Smith

Vice Chair - David Colbourne

Treasurer - Timothy Hagan

Secretary - Louis Pombo

Northern Regional Representative - Erin McHam

Southern Regional Representative - Deborah Debmon

At-Large Representative - Jason Weinman

Recess #2

Chair Smith moves for 5 minute recess. Vice Chair Colbourne seconds. Seeing no objections, convention enters a 5 minute **recess at 1:16 PM.**

Call to Order

Convention Chair Pojunis Calls **back to order at 1:24 PM.** Liz DeSignore indicates no change to credentialed members (30). Convention Chair Pojunis yields the floor to Chair Smith. Chair Smith takes floor. Chair Smith shows video of the Late Mark Feldman's Speech. Chair Smith delivers incoming Chair's address to the membership. Chair Smith yields to Convention Chair Pojunis. Convention Chair Pojunis yields convention chairmanship to M Carling.

Award Presentation

M Carling yields to Alex DiBenedetto for the award ceremony. Leadership award is established in Deborah Debmon's honor. Alex DiBenedetto yields to Chair Smith to deliver awards address. Debmon delivers acceptance speech.

Alex DiBenedetto yields floor to David Colbourne for the purpose of delivering the James Libertarian Burns Lifetime Achievement Award inaugural award. The Burns Lifetime Achievement Award is Presented to Deborah C. Payne (Debmon).

The Debmon Leadership award is presented to Treasurer Timothy Hagan.

Additional Bylaws Amendments Proposals

Alex DiBenedetto maintains the floor to begin presentation of the bylaws proposals. Yields floor to Bylaws Committee Chair Colbourne.

Amendment #1 as submitted by Timothy Hagan - Hagan takes the floor to speak in favor of the amendment. Chair Smith takes the floor to speak against the amendment. M Carling calls for any other members to speak in favor. Seeing none, Jason Weinman speaks against the amendment.

Jason Weinman moves to strike “and must certify in writing that they oppose the initiation or force to achieve political and social goals”. M Carling opens the floor to debate. M Carling calls for a vote by show of hands. **Amendment approved.** M Carling calls for a vote to main question. **Adopted Unanimously as Amended.**

Amendment #2 as submitted by Alex DiBenedetto - Colbourne takes floor as Bylaws Committee Chair. Alex DiBenedetto takes the floor to speak in favor of the proposal. M Carling calls for a vote by show of hands. Affirmative votes are greater than two-thirds, **motion carries.**

Amendment #3 as submitted by Alex DiBenedetto - Colbourne takes floor as Bylaws Committee Chair. M Carling seeks members in favor or against, no speakers. M Carling calls for a vote by show of hands. Affirmative Votes are greater than two-thirds, **motion carries.**

Amendment #4 as submitted by Alex DiBenedetto - Colbourne takes floor as Bylaws Committee Chair. Alex DiBenedetto takes the floor to speak in favor of the proposal. Alex DiBenedetto moves to divide the motion removing Section 6 from the current item. Seeing no objections, the question is divided. M Carling calls for a vote by show of hands. The affirmative votes are not two-thirds, **the divided question fails.** Section 6 is to remain As-Is.

Returning to the primary question; M Carling moves to amend “two-thirds majority” and “majority vote of two-thirds” to “two-thirds” wherever it appears in all proposed amendments and in the bylaws. Approved by unanimous consent. M Carling calls for a vote of the question by show of hands. Affirmative votes are greater than two-thirds, **motion carries.**

Amendment #5 as submitted by Alex DiBenedetto - Colbourne takes floor as Bylaws Committee Chair. Alex DiBenedetto moves to strike and Amend “Delegate” to “Delegation”, hearing no objections, approved by unanimous consent. M Carling calls for a vote by show of hands. Affirmative Votes are greater than two-thirds, **motion carries with amendments.**

Amendment #7 as submitted by Alex DiBenedetto - Colbourne takes floor as Bylaws Committee Chair. Alex DiBenedetto takes the floor to speak in favor of the proposal. M Carling calls for a vote by show of hands. Affirmative votes are unanimous, **motion carries.**

Amendment #8 as submitted by Alex DiBenedetto - Colbourne takes floor as Bylaws Committee Chair. Alex DiBenedetto takes the floor to speak in favor of the proposal. M Carling calls for a vote by show of hands. Affirmative votes are greater than two-thirds, **motion carries.**

M Carling yields the convention chair position back to Brett Pojunis. Convention Chair Pojunis yields the Chair position to Smith.

Adjournment

Chair Smith proposes without objection to adjourn. No Objections. **Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.**