



## *2021 Libertarian Party of Nevada State Convention Minutes (DRAFT)*

*Saturday, May 1st, 2021 at 10:30 AM*

*The Union Plaza Hotel; 1 N. Main Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101*

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jason Smith at 11:14.

### **Chair's Introduction to the Convention**

Chair Smith took the floor and addressed those present. He clarified that National Libertarian Party Chairman Mr. Joseph Bishop-Henchman would not be present to deliver opening remarks due to a medical concern.

### **Credentialing Report**

Chair Smith yielded the floor to Secretary Lou Pombo to deliver the credentialing report (attached).

A total of 109 dues paying members were present (including remote attendees); requiring a 55 person affirmation for a majority vote and 73 person affirmation for a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote.

A total of 2 additional members in good standing were present: requiring a 56 person affirmation for a majority vote and 74 person affirmation for a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote.

Chair Smith called for a motion to approve the credentials report. A motion was made and seconded. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

Chair Smith called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Hurley made a motion to amend the agenda as written by striking the 10 minute time slot allotted for Opening Remarks by National Libertarian Party Chairman Mr. Joseph Bishop-Henchman, and replacing it with two 10-minute time slots for guests Angela McArdle and Antony Sammeroff to speak.. The motion was seconded by Charles Melchin. Chair Smith rejected the motion as out of order. James "Spencer" Oller appealed the decision of the chair. A member present recommended that the motion be separated into two distinct motions, but advised that it was not out of order.

Jeffrey Hurley moved to amend the agenda by striking the 10 minute time slot allotted for Opening Remarks by Mr. Joseph Bishop-Henchman. The motion was seconded by Oller. By unanimous hand raise, the motion carried.

Hurley moved to amend the agenda to add Angela McArdle and Antony Sammeroff as speakers under the 'Opening Remarks' section, granting each 10 minutes. The motion was





seconded by Melchin. Chair Smith called the question and with 65 votes in favor the motion carried.

Chair Smith called for adoption of the amended agenda by hand vote. With no objections, the motion carried. The amended agenda was adopted.

### **Adoption of any Special Rules of Order**

Chair Smith moved to adopt the special rules for the convention as written in the agenda provided. Chair Smith called for a hand vote. Seeing overwhelming support and no objections, the motion carried.

### **Appointment of a Sergeant-at-Arms**

Chair Smith moved to appoint Deb Dedmon as Sergeant-at-Arms. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### **Opening Remarks: 20 min. Angela McArdle and Antony Sammeroff**

Angela McArdle took the floor for 10 minutes of opening remarks.  
Antony Sammeroff took the floor for 10 minutes of opening remarks.

### **Officer's Reports**

- **Treasurer's Report**

Tim Hagan took the floor to deliver the Treasurer's Report. The 2020 Treasurer's Report was included with the Agendas distributed.

- **Secretary's Report**

Lou Pombo took the floor to deliver the Secretary's Report.

- **Northern Regional (Resigned due to health issues), Southern Regional, & At-Large Representative Reports**

Chair Smith stated that Northern Regional Representative Dave Jones had resigned due to health issues. Southern Regional Representative Robert van Strawder was not present.

Deb Dedmon took the floor to deliver the At-Large Regional Representative Report.

- **Vice-Chairman's Report**

David Colborne took the floor to deliver the Vice-Chairman's Report.

- **Chairman's Report**

Chair Smith took the floor to deliver the Chairman's Report.





### **Recess #1 - Lunch**

Chair Smith moved to recess for 45 minutes at 12:05 PM, with the body to reconvene at 12:50 PM. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

### **Call to Order**

Chair Smith called the meeting back to order at 1:07 PM. Secretary Pombo moved to update the credentialing report to include 4 additional persons; bringing the total number of dues-paying delegates to 113.

### **Election of Executive Committee Officers for 2021 to 2023 Term\***

Oller moved that the election of officers be conducted by hand vote rather than by ballot. Chair Smith rejected the motion for violating the bylaws.

- **Chair**

Liz DelSignore nominated Tim Hagan. Hagan accepted the nomination. Spencer Oller nominated Charles Melchin. Melchin accepted the nomination. Rebecca Sherer nominated Brandon Davis. Davis accepted the nomination.

Oller made a motion to extend the time allotted for speeches to 10 minutes per candidate. Chair Smith rejected the motion for violating Robert's Rules of Order and the special convention rules previously adopted by the body.

Brandon Davis took the floor to deliver a speech.

Sam Toll made a point of order to request a timekeeper for the candidate speeches. Chair Smith clarified that a timer was placed so as to be visible to the candidates as they speak.

Tim Hagan delegated time for Sean Fericks to speak on his behalf. Fericks took the floor and delivered a statement in support of Hagan. Hagan took the floor to deliver a speech.

Charles Melchin took the floor to deliver a speech.

Bryan Elliot made a point of order to request more detail on how to complete the ballot slip.

The vote was taken by secret ballot. Results:

Davis: 18 votes cast in person, 5 votes cast remotely - total: 23 votes.

Hagan: 18 votes cast in person, 5 votes cast remotely - total: 22 votes.

Melchin: 51 votes cast in person, 11 votes cast remotely - total: 62 votes.

Charles Melchin was elected as Chair for the 2021-2023 term with no need for a runoff election.



- **Vice-Chair**

Zaina Tamam nominated Jesse Welsh. Welsh accepted the nomination. Charles Melchin nominated Jeffrey Hurley. Hurley accepted the nomination. Paoline Taglienti nominated Gregg Luckner. Luckner accepted the nomination.

A point of order was made by a member to inquire whether a candidate may serve on both a county affiliate executive committee and the state executive committee simultaneously. Chair Smith clarified that the bylaws do permit this.

Hurley took the floor to deliver a speech.

Luckner took the floor to deliver a speech.

Welsh took the floor to deliver a speech.

Chair Smith called for a motion to update the credentials report. A motion was made and then seconded. No objections were made and the motion carried. Secretary Pombo stated that the recredentialing added one voting member, for a total of 114 voting members in attendance.

As the ballots were tallied, Paolina Taglienti took the floor to make an announcement regarding upcoming opportunities to run for public office.

The vote was taken by secret ballot. Results:

Hurley: 48 votes cast in person, 12 votes cast remotely - total: 60 votes.

Luckner: 29 votes cast in person, 5 votes cast remotely - total: 34 votes.

Welsh: 8 votes cast in person, 2 votes cast remotely - total: 10 votes.

Jeffrey Hurley was elected as Vice-Chair for the 2021-2023 term with no need for a runoff election.

- **Treasurer**

Jeffrey Hurley nominated Bryan Elliot. Elliot accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made.

Elliot took the floor to deliver a speech.

Secretary Pombo moved to suspend the special rules to allow for a voice vote. Hearing no objections, the motion carried. Chair Smith called for a vote. Hearing votes in favor and no objections or abstentions, vote concludes in favor.

Bryan Elliot was elected as Treasurer for the 2021-2023 term.

- **Secretary**

Jesse Welsh nominated Zaina Tamam. Tamam accepted the nomination. Douglas "Chris" Orton



nominated Katie Banuelos. Banuelos accepted the nomination.

Banuelos took the floor to deliver a speech.

Tamam took the floor to deliver a speech.

The vote was taken by secret ballot. Results:

Banuelos: 52 votes cast in person, 13 votes cast remotely - total: 65 votes.

Tamam: 22 votes cast in person, 5 votes cast remotely - total: 27 votes.

NOTA: 3 votes cast in person.

Katie Banuelos was elected as Secretary for the 2021-2023 term with no need for a runoff election.

- **Northern Regional Representative**

James Oller nominated Chris Orton. Orton accepted the nomination. Mary Ann Martin nominated Charles Holt. Holt accepted the nomination.

Holt took the floor to deliver a speech.

Orton took the floor to deliver a speech.

The vote was taken by secret ballot. Results:

Holt: 24 votes cast in person, 9 votes cast remotely - total: 29 votes.

Orton: 48 votes cast in person, 11 votes cast remotely - total: 59 votes.

NOTA: 2 votes cast in person.

Chris Orton was elected as Northern Regional Representative for the 2021-2023 term with no need for a runoff election.

- **Southern Regional Representative**

Jennifer Haman nominated Adam Haman. Haman accepted the nomination. Tim Hagan nominated Liz DelSignore. DelSignore accepted the nomination.

DelSignore took the floor to deliver a speech.

Haman took the floor to deliver a speech.

Elliot made a motion to request that the vote be conducted by hand-vote rather than secret ballot in the interest of time. David Colborne made a point of order stating that he had already issued ballots to those attending the convention remotely. Elliot withdrew his motion.

Chair Smith called for a motion to suspend the special convention rules and allow the nominations and speeches for the At-Large Representative election to take place concurrently





with the tallying of ballots for the election of the Southern Regional Representative. A motion was made from the floor and seconded. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

The vote was taken by secret ballot. Results:

Haman: 55 votes cast in person, 10 votes cast remotely - total: 65 votes.  
DeSignore: 12 votes cast in person, 2 votes cast remotely - total: 14 votes.  
NOTA: 1 vote cast in person.

Adam Haman was elected as Southern Regional Representative for the 2021-2023 term with no need for a runoff election.

- **At-Large Representative**

Charles Melchin nominated Sam Toll. Toll accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made.

Secretary Pombo moved to suspend the special convention rules to allow for a voice vote. The motion was seconded from the floor. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Toll took the floor to deliver a speech.

Chair Smith called for a voice vote. Hearing votes in favor and no objections or abstentions, vote concludes in favor.

Sam Toll was elected as At-Large Representative for the 2021-2023 term.

### **Bylaws Amendments\***

Not addressed.

### **Any Remaining Business Deemed Necessary and Proper**

Not addressed.

### **Adjournment**

Colborne moved to adjourn the convention. The motion was seconded from the floor. A point of order was made from the floor regarding the agenda items still remaining to be addressed. Chair Smith stated that the venue would be closed at 4:00PM and there would not be enough time to address outstanding agenda items. Hearing no further objections, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

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

**Special Thanks to the 2021 Convention Committee: Jason Smith, David Colborne, Louis Pombo, Tim Hagan, Debra Payne**





## *Credentialing Report: 2021 Libertarian Party of Nevada State Convention*

### **Dues-Paying Members in Attendance (In-Person)**

1. Lou Pombo
2. Samuel Toll
3. David Colborne
4. Jason Smith
5. Bradley Carpenter
6. Debra Payne-Dedmon
7. Norman Jeffrey Loftus
8. Douglas Orton
9. Janet Orton
10. Cameron Spencer
11. Mercy Manley
12. Jesse Starkes
13. Robert Robinson
14. Offer Nave
15. Ashleigh Roberts
16. Jeffrey Hurley
17. Jeremy Powell
18. David Vechil
19. Andrew Elliott
20. Brandon Mills
21. James Oller
22. Julie Godfrey
23. Ryan Roesner
24. Matthew Banuelos
25. Adam Henager
26. Aaron Morton
27. Sanford Pankin
28. Avrey Lanini
29. Ian Gallagher
30. Clarissa Ruepert
31. Sean Ruepert
32. Jesse Welsh
33. Christopher Cunningham
34. Timothy Hagan
35. Sean McNamara
36. Christine Felixor
37. Jennifer Haman
38. Adam Haman
39. Randolph Sadac
40. Charles Holt
41. Wayne Adams
42. Adam Sanacore





43. Brady Bowyer
44. Charles Melchin
45. Bryan Elliott
46. Mary Jean Elliott
47. Matthew Peskin
48. Erik Carlseen
49. Ross Crane
50. Brandon Davis
51. Rebecca Sherer
52. Nathan Lawrence
53. Joanna Myers
54. Andrew De Jong
55. Alvin Chen
56. Brittany Vechil
57. Matthew Baldoni
58. Jason Bednarz
59. Derek Perez
60. Danielle Osbord
61. Andrew Lea
62. Paolina Taglienti
63. Gregg Luckner
64. Travis McGlothin
65. John Brotherson
66. Linda Judd
67. Austin Sipp
68. Wayne Rudolph
69. Erin Lale
70. Kathryn Young
71. Nicole McDevitt
72. Steven Durham
73. Neil Scott
74. Mindy Vaughn
75. Matthew Smith
76. Bryan Sanderson
77. Zaina Tamam
78. Sean Fericks
79. Steven Schult
80. Katharine Banuelos
81. David Ware
82. Kristofer Swanson
83. Alexander Sikes
84. Rachel Arteaga
85. Anthony Daniel
86. Liz DelSignore
87. Jesse Harvel
88. Joseph Silvestri
89. Wiselet Rouzard







90. Juan Martinez
91. Kristiz White
92. Colby Silvestri

**Dues-Paying Members in Attendance (Remotely)**

1. Dannene Drummond
2. Mark Packard
3. Cody Notmeyer
4. Patrick Kerby
5. Will Combs
6. Kevin Tyler
7. Mary Anne Martin
8. Bruce James-Newman
9. Paul Pablo
10. Carmen Prater
11. Steven Woskow
12. Trudy Lindstrom
13. Reagan Foster
14. Daniel Hofstein
15. Cody Quirk
16. Adam Bilin
17. Amy Oller
18. Cole Nasrallah
19. Andrew Miller
20. James George
21. Mercy Manley
22. Creighton Chingarande

**General Members in Attendance (In-Person)**

1. Sara Sims
2. William Galluccio



Pursuant to Robert's Rules and interpretation of LPN Bylaws remote participation in the convention shall be allowed. Whereas the LPN has made public advanced plans and accommodations for remote participation, credentialed members in remote participation shall be considered in good standing and able to motion and vote as appropriate. A manager (David Colborne as acting Vice Chair) shall preside over the remote participation room to pass on motions to the floor and votes on motions and elections to the secretary on behalf of remote participants.

**Proposed Special Rules for Selection of Candidates for LPN Executive Committee:**

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.

Elections shall be conducted in a run-off manner. If no candidate receives a majority of votes this shall result in the lowest vote total (excluding NOTA) candidate being removed, and a subsequent vote shall be taken with the remaining candidates.

All votes for officer's elections shall be recorded by written ballot (excluding such means by which remote participants will be voting).

In the event of NOTA ascending the office, that 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.

**Handy Parliamentary Reference:**

To make a motion: "Mister/Madam Chair, I move that/to \_\_\_\_\_."

All motions require a second for a group this size.

Upon hearing a second, the Chair will call for a voice vote. If there is a call for division, and/or the Chair cannot determine the outcome, a hand-raise vote will be called. If there is further division still, a roll-call vote will be called.

To end debate and force a vote, "Mister/Madam Chair, I move the previous question."

Two-thirds (⅔) needed.

To nominate someone for an office, "Mister/Madam Chair, I nominate (name of person) for the office of (name of office)."

To ask a question: "Mister/Madam Chair, point of information, (then ask question)?"

To ask for a ruling from the Chair: "Mister/Madam Chair, point of order, (then ask for ruling).

To request to make a statement: "Mister/Madam Chair, point of personal privilege?"

If the Chair states yes with a time limit, you have that long to make your statement.

**Proposed Bylaws Amendments in order as presented to the Secretary on or before April 23rd, 2021:**

**As Submitted by Jesse Welch on April 22nd, 2021:**

Amendment Proposal 1: Revisions to Section III.2.C.

C. Affiliates on college campuses shall donate ten dollars (\$10) in monetary or in-kind contributions in the past 365 days. Five dollars (\$5) shall be donated to LPN and \$5 shall be retained by the college campus affiliate.

Amendment Proposal 2: Additions to Section V.5.

H. The Campus Representative shall coordinate the establishing and oversight of LPN affiliates on college



campuses throughout the entire state of Nevada. The Campus Representative shall be enrolled at any institution within the Nevada System of Higher Education.

I. The Marketing Representative shall run the LPN's social media accounts and lead the marketing of the LPN.

**As Submitted by Katharine "Katie" Banuelos on April 23rd, 2021:**

Amendment Proposal 3: Revisions to Section II:

"The object of this organization shall be to tirelessly and consistently promote the philosophy and principles of libertarianism in the political realm; by electing candidates to local and state offices, by supporting or opposing individual policies, by joining issue-based coalitions, by engaging in advocacy, outreach and direct action, and by supporting the development of alternatives to state-based solutions."

Amendment Proposal 4: Revisions to Section III.2.B to read:

"and have donated at least twenty-five dollars (\$25) in monetary or in-kind contributions to the LPN in the past 365 days."

**As Submitted by Charles Holt on April 23rd, 2021:**

Amendment Proposal 5: Selection of Candidates for Public Office: Revisions to Section IV.8.

B. End the current statement with a semicolon, and add, "except in the event that more than one LPN member wishes to run for the Public Office. If this occurs, the LPN members shall compete in the appropriate primary for placement on the ballot in the general election."

D. Eliminate the last sentence that refers to only selecting one nominee from the LP for any partisan office.

Amendment Proposal 6: Expansion of the Executive Committee: Revisions to Section V.2.

"The Executive Committee shall consist of nine members: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Southern Regional Representative, Northern Regional Representative, 1 At-Large Representative, Higher Education Representative, and the Communications Representative.

Section V.5. (add)

H. The Higher Education Representative shall be a student at any Nevada Institute of Higher Education. The Higher Education Representative shall be tasked with recruiting higher education students to establish affiliates at such institutions. The H.E.R. shall report activities in the higher education communities at each convention.

I. The Communications Representative shall assist all LPN communications (especially social media) for both the public and within the Party itself.

Amendment Proposal 7: Revisions to Section VI.1.

"Once five dues-paying or non dues-paying members ...convention. All affiliates will be exempt from paying dues for their first two years of existence."

