



*2021 Libertarian Party of Nevada Special Convention Minutes*  
*Saturday, August 7th, 2021 at 11:00 AM*  
*Held remotely via GotoMeeting*

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Charles Melchin at 11:05.

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

Chair Melchin took the floor and addressed those present. He explained that the purpose of the special convention was to address unfinished business from the state convention in May, as time constraints had prevented the proposed bylaw amendments from being voted upon. He reviewed a few of the participation guidelines and considerations in amending the bylaws.

**Credentialing Report**

Chair Melchin yielded the floor to Secretary Katie Banuelos to deliver the credentialing report (attached following the minutes).

A total of 15 dues paying members were present remotely; requiring an 8 person affirmation for a majority vote and 10 person affirmation for a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote.

**Presentation on Remote Participation and Voting Procedures**

Chair Melchin yielded the floor to Secretary Banuelos for the presentation. She reviewed the participation procedures and conducted a mock vote to illustrate the process.

**Bylaws Amendments\*** *(the detailed results of each vote are included as an attachment following the minutes)*

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

Chair Melchin read the proposed amendment language and opened the floor for statements.

Lou Pombo spoke in opposition, stating that while a \$60 in-kind contribution is a meaningful donation of time, an in-kind donation equivalent to \$10 would not be impactful.

Jeffery Hurley spoke in opposition, stating that the proposal was improperly worded.

The amendment was voted upon via an online poll. The results were unanimous in opposition to the amendment. The amendment failed to pass.



- **Amendment Proposal 2: Additions to Section V.5.**

Chair Melchin read the proposed amendment language and opened the floor for statements.

Liz DelSignore made a point of inquiry to ask who had proposed the amendment under discussion. Chair Melchin explained that it had been submitted by Jesse Welch.

Jeffery Hurley spoke in opposition, noting that the proposal would amend section 5 (which describes the executive committee roles) without amending section 2 (which sets the executive committee positions) and was therefore not functional as written.

Liz DelSignore spoke in opposition, stating that the additional positions described were more appropriate for director positions than for executive committee positions.

Jeffery Hurley moved to close the discussion and vote on the proposal. With no objections, the vote was conducted via online poll. The results were unanimous in opposition to the amendment. The amendment failed to pass.

- **Amendment Proposal 3: Revisions to Section II.**

Chair Melchin read the proposed amendment language and opened the floor for statements.

Liz DelSignore made a point of inquiry to ask what the current language was. Chair Melchin read the existing language of Section II.

Bob Robinson made a point of inquiry to ask whether the word "object" or the word "objective" would be used. Chair Melchin clarified the language of the proposed amendment.

Katie Banuelos spoke in favor, stating that the purpose of the proposal was to expand the scope of the party's object to allow for other forms of political action. She noted that electing candidates was a step towards the higher goal of enacting libertarian policies.

Jeffery Hurley spoke in favor, noting that there are many paths to liberty and stating that he believed an expanded scope would attract more people into the party.

Adam Sanacore spoke in favor, stating that the party would not be able to elect Libertarian candidates without also educating people on the philosophy.

Liz DelSignore moved to close the discussion and vote on the proposal. With no objections, the vote was conducted via online poll. With 13 votes in favor and one abstention, the amendment was passed.

- **Amendment Proposal 4: Revisions to Section III.2.B.**

Chair Melchin read the proposed amendment language and opened the floor for statements.



Adam Sanacore spoke in favor, noting that Nevada had the highest dues of any state affiliate in the country and stating that \$25 is the national average for annual dues.

Lou Pombo spoke in opposition, stating that \$60 was not an unreasonable barrier to entry, and that the ability to make an in-kind contribution ensures that party membership is accessible to all. He believes that this change will lower overall revenue for the party and create fiscal problems.

Ross Crane spoke in opposition, stating that \$60 was not a barrier.

Liz DelSignore spoke in opposition, stating that \$60 was not unreasonable for an annual membership fee.

Katie Banuelos spoke in favor, stating that although \$60 was not a high barrier for entry to motivated individuals who would be willing to volunteer, lowering the dues would encourage participation from more passive members who would otherwise not be involved.

Chris Orton spoke in favor, stating that lowering the dues would bring more people in the door.

Lou Pombo made a point of information to ask what the difference was between dues-paying members and non-dues-paying members. Chair Melchin explained that dues-paying members had the ability to vote on certain items, create quorum, and form a county affiliate.

Jeffery Hurley spoke in favor, stating that lowering the dues made it easier for organized groups to show up and “take over” the party and would therefore help to hold the executive committee accountable to the membership.

Secretary Banuelos delivered an updated credentialing report. As one additional dues paying member had joined the proceedings, there were a total of 16 dues paying members present remotely; requiring a 9 person affirmation for a majority vote and 11 person affirmation for a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote.

The amendment was voted upon via an online poll. With 12 votes in favor of the amendment and 4 votes in opposition, the amendment was passed.

- **Amendment Proposal 5: Revisions to Section IV.8.**

Chair Melchin read the proposed amendment language and opened the floor for statements.

Lou Pombo spoke in opposition, stating that the proposal was impractical and would violate state law.

Jeffery Hurley spoke in opposition, stating that he understood Charlie Holt’s concern behind this proposal (that Clark county residents would end up choosing candidates for other



counties) however he felt that there were better ways to address this issue.

The amendment was voted upon via an online poll. With one vote in favor of the amendment and 15 votes in opposition, the amendment failed to pass.

Secretary Banuelos delivered an updated credentialing report. As one additional dues paying member had joined the proceedings, there were a total of 17 dues paying members present remotely; requiring a 9 person affirmation for a majority vote and 12 person affirmation for a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote.

- **Amendment Proposal 6: Revisions to Section V.2**

Chair Melchin read the proposed amendment language and opened the floor for statements.

Chris Orton spoke in opposition, stating that the proposal seemed duplicative, as the activities described by the amendment would need to exist in some capacity regardless of the positions that existed on the executive committee.

Adam Sanacore spoke in opposition, stating that there was no need to add members to an already functional system, and it would be undesirable to create an executive committee position that held a monopoly on the social media for the party.

Jeffery Hurley spoke in opposition, stating that no other state affiliate included these positions on their executive committees, and that it set a bad precedent adding unnecessary positions. He stated that this proposal would result in a bloated executive committee and make their job more difficult.

Liz DelSignore spoke in opposition, stating that it was unnecessary to add these positions and not desirable to reinvent the wheel. She also noted that the LP national committee did not have any similar positions.

Katie Banuelos made a point of information to clarify how this proposal would be put into action if it were to pass. She noted that per LPN bylaws any newly created executive committee positions could be filled by appointment by the sitting committee until the next convention, at which time an election would be held to fill the seats for the remainder of the term. Chair Melchin confirmed that this was correct.

The vote was conducted via online poll. The results were unanimous in opposition to the amendment. The amendment failed to pass.

- **Amendment Proposal 7: Revisions to Section VI.1**

Chair Melchin read the proposed amendment language and opened the floor for statements.

Jeffery Hurley spoke in opposition, noting that as the membership dues had been lowered they



would now be more accessible. He stated that membership standards should be applied equally.

Liz DeSignore made a point of information to inquire why the proposal had a two-year time frame. Chair Melchin noted that the author of the proposal was not present to answer the question.

Tim Hagan spoke in opposition, noting that the amendment did not make sense as written, since all dues were paid by individual members, not by the affiliate itself.

Lou Pombo moved to close the discussion and vote on the proposal. With no objections, the vote was conducted via online poll. The results were unanimous in opposition to the amendment. The amendment failed to pass.

### **Adjournment**

Jeffery Hurley moved to adjourn the special convention. Liz DeSignore seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the special convention was adjourned at 12:23 PM.

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



*Credentialing Report: 2021 Libertarian Party of Nevada Special Convention*

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

1. Charles Melchin
2. Adam Haman
3. Jeffery Hurley
4. Sam Toll
5. Katie Banuelos
6. Douglas 'Chris' Orton
7. Brad Carpenter
8. Liz DelSignore
9. Bob Robinson
10. Jennifer Haman
11. Adam Henager
12. Travis Mcglothin
13. Lou Pombo
14. Ross Crane
15. Adam-John Sanacore
16. Timothy Hagan
17. Brandon Davis



*Proposed Bylaws Amendments: presented in order of submission.*

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

Submitted by Jesse Welch on April 22nd, 2021.

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.**

Submitted by Jesse Welch on April 22nd, 2021.

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.

**Amendment Proposal 3: Revisions to Section II.**

Submitted by Katie Banuelos on April 23rd, 2021.

"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.**

Submitted by Katie Banuelos on April 23rd, 2021.

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



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

Submitted by Charles Holt on April 23rd, 2021.

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.**

Submitted by Charles Holt on April 23rd, 2021.

"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.**

Submitted by Charles Holt on April 23rd, 2021.

"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."



Detailed Vote Results

**Poll "Amendment Proposal 1:  
Revisions to Section III.2.C"**

	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Katie Banuelos		OK	
Bob Robinson		OK	
Adam Haman		OK	
Lou Pombo		OK	
Jeffery Hurley		OK	
Travis McGlothlin		OK	
Charles Melchin		OK	
Adam S.		OK	
Jennifer Haman		OK	
Ross Crane		OK	
D Chris Orton		OK	
Adam Henager		OK	
Brad Carpenter		OK	
Sam Toll		OK	
Liz		OK	
Count	0	15	0

**Poll "Amendment Proposal 2:  
Additions to Section V.5."**

	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Jeffery Hurley		OK	
Bob Robinson		OK	
Adam Henager		OK	
Lou Pombo		OK	
Adam Haman		OK	
Charles Melchin		OK	
Adam S.		OK	
Katie Banuelos		OK	
Ross Crane		OK	
Travis McGlothlin		OK	
Jennifer Haman		OK	
Brad Carpenter		OK	
Liz		OK	
Sam Toll		OK	
D Chris Orton		OK	
Count	0	15	0

**Poll "Amendment Proposal 3:  
Revisions to Section II."**

	In Favor	Against	Abstain
D Chris Orton	OK		
Brad Carpenter	OK		
Adam Henager	OK		
Charles Melchin	OK		
Adam Haman	OK		
Katie Banuelos	OK		
Ross Crane	OK		
Adam S.	OK		
Travis McGlothlin	OK		
Jeffery Hurley	OK		
Bob Robinson	OK		
Lou Pombo			OK
Jennifer Haman	OK		
Liz	OK		
Count	13	0	1

**Poll "Amendment Proposal 4:  
Revisions to Section III.2.B"**

	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Adam Henager	OK		
Adam Haman	OK		
Bob Robinson		OK	
Brad Carpenter	OK		
Adam S.	OK		
Charles Melchin	OK		
Jennifer Haman	OK		
D Chris Orton	OK		
Lou Pombo		OK	
Ross Crane	OK		
Travis McGlothlin	OK		
Liz		OK	
Jeffery Hurley	OK		
Tim Hagan	OK		
Katie Banuelos	OK		
Sam Toll		OK	
Count	12	4	0



**Poll "Amendment Proposal 5:  
Revisions to Section IV.8"**

	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Katie Banuelos		OK	
Lou Pombo		OK	
D Chris Orton		OK	
Bob Robinson		OK	
Adam Henager		OK	
Adam S.		OK	
Brad Carpenter		OK	
Ross Crane		OK	
Travis McGlothlin		OK	
Adam Haman		OK	
Charles Melchin		OK	
Jennifer Haman		OK	
Jeffery Hurley		OK	
Tim Hagan		OK	
Liz		OK	
Sam Toll (voice)	OK		
Count	1	15	0

**Poll "Amendment Proposal 6:  
Revisions to Section V.2."**

	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Katie Banuelos		OK	
Travis McGlothlin		OK	
Bob Robinson		OK	
Adam Henager		OK	
Adam S.		OK	
Ross Crane		OK	
Adam Haman		OK	
Tim Hagan		OK	
Jeffery Hurley		OK	
Charles Melchin		OK	
D Chris Orton		OK	
Jennifer Haman		OK	
Lou Pombo		OK	
Brad Carpenter		OK	
Brandon Davis		OK	
Liz		OK	
Count	0	16	0

**Poll "Amendment Proposal 7:  
Revisions to Section VI.1"**

	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Katie Banuelos		OK	
D Chris Orton		OK	
Adam Henager		OK	
Lou Pombo		OK	
Bob Robinson		OK	
Travis McGlothlin		OK	
Adam Haman		OK	
Charles Melchin		OK	
Adam S.		OK	
Tim Hagan		OK	
Ross Crane		OK	
Brad Carpenter		OK	
Jeffery Hurley		OK	
Jennifer Haman		OK	
Brandon Davis		OK	
Sam Toll		OK	
Liz		OK	
Count	0	17	0