

Libertarian Party of North Carolina
Minutes of the Executive Committee
Jan. 10, 2015

Opening

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. By Chair J.J. Summerell. Present were: Secretary Brian Irving, at-large members Bjorn Pedersen, Ken Penkowski, Windy McKinney and Chris Dooley, and Executive Director Brad Hessel. Guest Ken Fortenberry was also present.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. Mr. Irving noted that the December minutes had not been approved online, and so moved their approval, which motion passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Fortenberry, a candidate for the Libertarian Party nomination for governor in 2016, was given a few minutes to address the committee. He said that the goal of his campaign was to build the Libertarian Party, share the libertarian message with everyone, especially young people, and not to be divisive. Mr. Fortenberry also said he was “in it for the long haul” and that his 40 years in the newspaper business gives him a good understanding of North Carolina politics.

Officer Reports

1. Chair. Attachment 1
Mr. Summerell gave the presentation developed as a pitch to major donors, for review and critique by the Executive Committee.
2. Treasurer . Attachment 2

Director & Committee Reports

1. Executive Director. Attachment 3.
Mr. Pedersen offered some suggestions and ideas regarding the report.
2. Communications Director. Attachment 4
In addition, Mr. Irving said that he and Mr. Penkowski were working on an article listing five questions to ask U.S. Sen. Richard Burr, who will be the new chair of the Senate Intelligence committee. Sen. Burr recently was reported as saying that he was going to “ask the hard questions.”
3. Political Director. See Attachment 4
4. Strategic Planning Committee
Mr. Penkowski reported that he is analyzing the KPI results for 2014 and will report either online or at the next ExecComm meeting.
ACTION: Mr. Penkowski

5. Budget Committee (Mr. Vuchinich)

Mr. Vuchinich has prepared a draft budget, but was not present. Speaking on his behalf, Mr. Hessel said that the budget Committee would meet to discuss it and present it to the next ExecComm meeting.

ACTION: Mr. Vuchnich/Mr. Hessel

Old Business

1. Expense Reimbursement Policy

Mr. Hessel said he has reviewed suggested changes made by Mr. Irving, and added one additional point. He will post the edited version in the Yahoo Group and move to adopt the policy.

2. 2015 State Convention
(Mr. Hessel)

New Business

1. Nominating Committee (Mr. Irving)

Mr. Irving noted that all positions on the Executive Committee are up for election in 2015. At several conventions, we have had to scramble to find people to fill the ExecComm positions.

Therefore, Mr. Irving moved, with Mr. Hessel seconding, to authorize the chair to appoint a committee to nominate a slate of candidates for the Executive Committee for the 2015 Convention. The motion passed 4-0.

ACTION: Mr. Summerell

2. Convention Credentialing (Mr. Irving)

Mr. Irving noted that Convention Rule 2 requires the Membership Secretary to report on the number of delegates registered in attendance and eligible to vote directly after the opening of the first business session and at the beginning of each succeeding session. Since this position is vacant, we need someone to do this important task.

Ms. McKinney volunteered to handling registration and credentialing.

3. Voter Freedom Act of 2015

Mr. Irving briefed the committee on this bill which will be introduced in the 2015 General Assembly by Rep. Jason Saine to lower threshold for new party and independent candidate ballot access.

Closing

1. Next meeting will again be held in Greensboro on Feb. 21.
2. The committee adjourned at 2 p.m.