

MINUTES OF THE 2018 CONVENTION OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Village Inn, Clemmons, NC
May 19-20, 2018

The 2018 Convention of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina convened at 9:00 a.m., May 19, 2018.

Chair of the LPNC, Susan Hogarth, addressed the convention, and welcomed the attendees.

Welcome from LPNC Chair

Chair of the LPNC, Susan Hogarth, called the convention to order at 9:07 a.m.

Susan Hogarth thanked the convention committee, speakers and panelists, guests, excom members, candidates, and the political director.

Barbara Howe was serving as parliamentarian for the convention.

Andy Steude was acting secretary for the convention.

Susan Hogarth reminded the attendees of procedure and several administrative matters.

Ray Ubinger welcomed first timers.

Secretary's report

The secretary reported there were 60 LPNC Members, one Associate Member, and two non-members at 9:15 a.m.; 31 constituted a majority and 40 constituted two-thirds (2/3).

Tom Howe moved, Matt Clements seconding, that in accordance with the LPNC Bylaws Article XI, Section 4, the convention designate any LPNC member present as a delegate. The motion carried unopposed.

Adoption of Agenda

Brian Lewis moved and Lonnie Holcomb seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of a remembrance of Chris Spruyt, a presentation by the Treasurer of the State of North Carolina, and specification of an adjournment time.

The convention adopted the following agenda:

Saturday, May 19

- 9:00 a.m. Business meeting
Welcome from LPNC chair, Susan Hogarth
Secretary's report
Adoption of agenda
Remembrance of Chris Spruyt, Patrick Bowersox
Reading of resolutions
- 9:30 a.m. Platform report
Report led by Platform Committee chair, Phil Jacobson
- 11:50 a.m. Presentation by the Treasurer of the State of North Carolina
Dale Folwell, Treasurer of the State of North Carolina
- 12-1 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. Candidate Accelerator Program
Presentation by David Ulmer
- 2:05 p.m. Outreach & Building your Affiliate
Justin Cornett and Josh Eakle of 'Speaking Freely' on Knoxville Talk 92.3
- 2:50 p.m. Candidate Panel Discussion
Current and former candidates for office reflect on their experiences and offer insight to those running for office.
- 4:15 p.m. Break
- 6-8:30 p.m. Gala Dinner
Keynote address by Dr. James Lark, current Region 5 representative for the LNC and former LNC chair.
Auction, Eric Smith

Sunday, May 20

- Business Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. Voting on resolutions
- 10:00 a.m. Nomination and election for Executive Committee vacancies
- 10:30 a.m. Election of delegates to the Libertarian National Convention
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn

Remembrance of Chris Spruyt

Patrick Bowersox lead the convention in a remembrance of Chris Spruyt followed by anecdotes by Ray Ubinger and Susan Hogarth.

Reading of Resolutions

Resolutions were read by Tom Howe and Erik Raudsep. See [Appendix 1 - Resolutions](#).

Platform Report

The chair of the 2018 LPNC Platform Committee, Phil Jacobson, presented the platform report (see [Appendix 2 - 2018 LPNC Platform Committee Report to the 2018 LPNC State Convention](#)) prepared by the committee (Phil Jacobson (chair), Tom Bailey, Steven DiFiore, Nicholas Hales, Susan Hogarth, Tom Howe, Ken Penkowski, Tim Smario, Ryan Teeter).

[New Plank Item 1:](#)

Brian Irving moved and Jessie Shearin seconded to table new plank Item 1 and refer to 2020 Platform committee. A voice vote was taken. The motion failed.

A voice vote was taken on the committee recommendation, New Plank Item 1. The recommendation was not adopted.

[New Plank Item 2:](#)

A voice vote was taken on the committee recommendation, New Plank Item 2. The recommendation was not adopted.

[New Plank Item #3:](#)

The convention discussed whether to consider the majority or minority recommendation. Lonnie Holcomb called the question: The members voted, by voice vote, to consider the majority recommendation.

Members voted on adopting the majority recommendation for Item #3. Adoption required a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority, but failed with 22 yeas and 35 nays.

Bev Wilcox moved to suspend the rules to delete platform plank "Fair Elections". The motion failed.

[Reordering of Planks](#)

Committee recommendation to reorder the platform planks passed unopposed.

[New Plank Item #4:](#)

Jon Horst moved to remove "Thus repealing all ..." which failed for lack of a second.

Brian Irving called the question, which Matt Clements seconded.

A voice vote was taken and the members rejected the recommendation.

[New Plank Item #5:](#)

No action was taken due to running out of time.

Address by the Treasurer of the State of North Carolina

The Chair gave Dale Folwell, Treasurer of the State of North Carolina, 15 minutes to address the convention.

Opening of the Sunday, 5/20/2018 Business Session

The Chair opened Sunday's business session at 9:05 a.m.

The Chair announced that the previous evening's auction raised over \$1,500. She also thanked the A/V and videography teams, speakers (singling out Dr. James Lark), the convention committee, convention parliamentarian, acting secretary, and everyone who made the event possible.

Voting on Resolutions

See [Appendix 1 - Resolutions](#).

[Resolution 1](#) - To Protect the LPNC from ballot hijacking

The resolution was adopted with overwhelming support per a voice vote.

[Resolution 2](#) - Outright Libertarians is official LPNC GSM outreach org

The only substantive change was per a friendly amendment offered by Michael Patton to change "the official" to "an official".

The resolution was adopted unopposed per a voice vote.

Speeches by Adam Kokesh and Joshua Smith

Adam Kokesh (candidate for POTUS) - speech

Joshua Smith (candidate for LNC chair) - speech

Nomination and Election for Executive Committee Vacancies

The Chair explained the LPNC Executive Committee vacancies and current appointments to vacated positions, and called for further nominations. For the list of positions and candidates, as well as election results, see [Executive Committee Vacancy Elections](#) in [Appendix 3 - 2018 LPNC Convention Elections](#).

Speech by Nick Sarwark via Telepresence

Nick Sarwark (LNC chair) - speech

Election of delegates to the Libertarian National Convention

The Chair called for nominations of LPNC members for delegates to the 2018 Libertarian Party Convention. For the list of nominees see [2018 Libertarian Party National Convention Delegate Election](#) in [Appendix 3 - 2018 LPNC Convention Elections](#).

Tom Howe moved and Brad Hessel seconded to approve the delegates by acclamation. The motion carried unopposed. The convention attendees acclaimed the nominees.

Tom Howe moved and Matt Clements seconded to appoint Barbara Howe as 2018 Libertarian Party National Convention Delegation Chair. The motion carried unopposed.

Election of 2018 LPNC Judicial Committee

The Chair called for nominations for the 2018 LPNC Judicial Committee. For the list of nominees and election results, see [Judicial Committee Election](#)

Ad Hoc Business: Motions to Revise Platform

See [Appendix 4 - Platform Proposals](#).

Brian Irving moved and Brad seconded to revise platform plank “Electoral Administration” (see [Replacement plank: Electoral Administration](#)). The motion carried, easily surpassing the necessary $\frac{2}{3}$ majority by voice vote.

Brian Irving moved and Matthew Clements seconded to add platform plank “Candidate Nominations” (see [New Plank: Candidate Nominations](#)). The motion carried, easily surpassing the necessary $\frac{2}{3}$ majority by voice vote.

Adjournment

Matthew Clements moved to adjourn. The motion carried.

The 2018 LPNC Convention adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Appendix 1 - Resolutions

Resolution 1

Author: Tom Howe

To Protect the LPNC from ballot hijacking.

We have recently witnessed candidates who openly disavow Libertarian principles entering Libertarian primaries solely to gain ballot status. They aim to bypass the burdens imposed upon independent candidacies. These candidates have urged Unaffiliated voters to vote in our primaries so as to overwhelm the process in hopes that non-Libertarians would ultimately decide the outcomes of our Libertarian primaries. This has been a concern at the National level and now has seeped into our State. Until our registration roles are sufficient enough to overcome such attempts, ballot poaching is likely to become more common in the near future.

Although noble, the EC's open primary decision seems premature and may encourage more ballot poaching by those who abhor our values. Until such time that we have sufficient Libertarian registration to hold this assault at bay, open access to our primary is unacceptable. The EC needs to tell the State of North Carolina that only registered Libertarians will have a say in Libertarian primaries at its next opportunity (late Fall 2018). A sound decision is needed before the next primary season.

Nearly all policy regarding Libertarian primary elections are matters of North Carolina law. Under State law only one policy decision regarding our primary is granted to the LPNC, which is to decide if Unaffiliated voters are permitted to participate in LPNC primaries along with registered Libertarians. Since gaining ballot status, the LPNC Executive Committee (EC) has chosen to allow Unaffiliated voters to participate. This decision was intended to function as an invitation to the Unaffiliated voter to later register as Libertarian and represents a positive value judgment for inclusion. Until recently there have been few Libertarian primary elections and there is no evidence that the EC's decision about primaries has yet achieved this effect.

Resolved: "The LPNC State Executive Committee shall investigate costs, dangers, and opportunities of the party's policy regarding eligibility to vote in LPNC primary elections with a view to providing a sound basis to answer the questions:

Should the Party continue to allow any NC voter who is registered either Libertarian or Unaffiliated to vote in LPNC primary elections. Or should the Party inform State officials that the Party prefers to allow ONLY voters registered as Libertarian to vote in an LPNC primary election?"

Resolution 2

Author: Erik Raudsep

The Libertarian Party of North Carolina hereby recognizes and accepts the Outright Libertarians as an official outreach organization to the gender and sexual minority (GSM) Community.

Appendix 2 - 2018 LPNC Platform Committee Report to the 2018 LPNC State Convention

Members: Phil Jacobson (committee chair), Tom Bailey, Steven J. DiFiore II, Nicholas Hales, Susan Hogarth, Tom Howe, Kenneth Penkowski, Tim Smario, Ryan Teeter.

The LPNC Platform Committee (PC) was appointed and convened by State Chair Susan Hogarth in January of 2018. The Platform as adopted by the 2016 LPNC State Convention was reviewed by individual members, some of whom proposed motions to modify the Platform.

The proceedings of the PC were held in a Facebook group created by Ms. Hogarth for the purpose. There were enough problems presented by the Facebook group environment that *this year's PC recommends that Facebook groups not be used by future incarnations of the PC.*

A single face to face meeting of the committee's Members was held as well, at which time all previous motions were reviewed and some additional motions were made and voted upon. Vote totals listed below are the final ones at the end of the face to face meeting.

Do Pass Recommendations: These were approved by a majority of committee members who participated in the voting for each proposal.

New Plank Item #1

Votes: 5 yes, 0 no

Title: "Equal Access to Justice" following the current "Jury Nullification" plank.

Reads: "The LPNC endorses the idea that the law should apply to all people equally. We seek means to keep the overall expenses of courts low and we especially object to the law allowing legal expenses to be a tool for the rich to oppress those of modest means. Well funded litigants can "SLAPP" (strategic lawsuit against public participation) others with huge legal costs even for a trivial or vacuous accusation. As many most states have "anti-slapp" laws to curtail such expensive wrongs and North Carolina does not, our legislature should address this lack without delay."

Rationale: Equal access to justice is a core value for most voters, regardless of party. Neither of the state supported parties in NC addresses the issue of SLAPP or the broader need for equal justice for those of lesser means. This can be a wedge issue.

Most folks don't think they will be sued and they don't know what SLAPP means. But all people want "fair". When a candidate can begin "let me tell you about fairness..." and follow up with "and my opponents' party doesn't care", people will listen.

Libertarians have an undeserved, but widespread, reputation for favoring the rich and/or corporate interests. This plank stands in stark contrast to that stereotype and will help our candidates represent themselves and libertarianism as the "kinder, gentler" aspect of politics that we know it is.

New Plank Item #2

Votes: 6 yes, 2 no

Title: "Civil Disobedience" at the end of the section on "The Role of Government".

Reads: "Civility is an attribute that Libertarians admire. When police are called to action against people who are being civil, the LPNC looks first at the law that requires that action. Whenever people are engaged in civil disobedience, the LPNC urges the police, onlookers, prosecutors, and especially juries to closely examine the uncivil law to see if they, too, want to take a stand against unfair and arbitrary laws."

Rationale: This plank does not call for any specific legislative action. A Libertarian candidate cannot point to it and say "I promise to do that". Instead, it leads the prospective Libertarian voter to notice an important political point: there are laws you can be in defiance of while being CIVIL. This is a point that no other political party can make. Our potential recruits will be struck by this difference. He/she will think... and that's what we want.

New Plank Item #3

Votes: 3 for majority version, 2 for minority version

Replace current plank: "Fair Elections" with new plank

Current verbiage:

"The LPNC calls for an end to all limits on a person's right to support the constitutionally-eligible person of his choice. The right to freedom of expression must include the unrestricted right to pay for dissemination of one's opinion."

Majority version:

Title: Unbiased Ballot

Reads: “The ballots used in all North Carolina elections should be free of bias or preference for any candidate. The official record should note every vote for a constitutionally eligible person.”

Rationale: This wording clarifies our position on the state's policy of ignoring votes for unapproved candidates. Also, we call out the discriminatory practice of advertising a subset of the candidates by placing their names and party labels directly on the ballot -- an advertisement that would be worth millions if a candidate had to pay for it. The election process should be neutral, contrary to current statute law.

Minority version:

Title: Open Ballot Access.

Reads: “The LPNC supports an open ballot, for which each elected position will be placed on the ballot as a write in. Any citizen constitutionally eligible to fill the position will be considered a valid candidate, and all votes will be recorded.”

Rationale: Given that write in votes are not counted in North Carolina, this will allow any constitutionally eligible person to be allowed to run for, or be elected to any office, given that they have the support. Further, this will eliminate the fee to run for a position, opening up ballot access to those outside the system, as well as increasing the political awareness of the populace by demanding that they know the candidates, not just the parties, running.

Reordering of Planks

Reordering of planks as follows (if proposed added planks are accepted by the convention, they would follow the old planks, as indicated in the respective “add” proposals):

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

| Current Order | Proposed Order |
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| Personal Freedom and Individual Rights <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Self Defense2. Free Association3. Death Penalty4. War on Drugs5. Marriage and Domestic Relationships | Personal Freedom and Individual Rights <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. War on Drugs2. Immigration3. Self-Defense4. Marriage and Domestic Relationships5. Privacy |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Privacy 7. Immigration 8. Cryptography <p>Economic Freedom, the Free Market, and Social Cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welfare 2. Corporate Welfare 3. Environment and Pollution 4. Healthcare 5. Occupational Licensing 6. Local Government Monopolies 7. Zoning and Property Use 8. Transportation 9. Education 10. The ABC and the State Lottery <p>The Role of Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taxation 2. Criminal Law 3. Takings 4. The Police 5. Government Immunity 6. Legislation 7. Jury Nullification 8. Federal Grants 9. Bonds 10. Sale of Government Land and Assets 11. Ballot Access 12. Electoral Administration 13. Districting 14. Fair Access <p>Miscellaneous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Libertarian Party Platform 2. Omissions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Cryptography 7. Death Penalty 8. Free Association <p>Economic Freedom, the Free Market, and Social Cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education 2. Transportation 3. Healthcare 4. Occupational Licensing 5. Environment and Pollution 6. The ABC and the State Lottery 7. Corporate Welfare 8. Welfare 9. Zoning and Property Use 10. Local Government Monopolies <p>The Role of Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taxation 2. Bonds 3. Federal Grants 4. Redistricting 5. Ballot Access 6. Fair Elections 7. Electoral Administration 8. Criminal Law 9. Jury Nullification 10. The Police 11. Government Immunity 12. Takings 13. Legislation 14. Sale of Government Lands and Assets <p>Miscellaneous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Libertarian Party Platform 2. Omissions |
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Rationale: The platform is a party document that supports campaigns and candidates. It should reflect the most relevant issues in our state—issues that our candidates should be focused on. The proposed order reflects the sentiment (from statewide polling) of North Carolina voters. This order can always be modified in future conventions to reflect changing priorities.

Additional Minority Reports: (with no majority alternative)

New Plank Item #4

Votes: yes 2, no 5

Title: Tax Reform Proposal

Reads: “The LPNC endorses the proposal to amend the 16th amendment to read: The federal government may only tax states. Thus repealing all other federal taxes.”

Rationale: The federal government is the biggest single tax collector in the US. The tax system has become so pervasive as to be difficult to track. The state governments have no incentive to limit federal taxation since it allows them to shift the blame for the burden and allows them to collect largess from the feds with which to buy votes. The rules of the IRS demand an invasion of the privacy guaranteed by the fourth amendment and a demand that a person offer up evidence against themselves in violation of the fifth. The system fosters corruption, allowing the federal government to bribe or coerce state lawmakers with the very money it took from the people of those states. This results in the federal government, not the state, setting our speed limits, drinking ages, and school curriculums.

This amendment would result in: An elimination of myriad federal bureaucracies beginning with the IRS all the way down to those guys that tax your phone service, and an elimination of the invasion of privacy of millions.

New Plank Item #5:

after “Taxation”

Vote: yes 2, no 2

Title: Honest Budgeting Reform

Reads: “The LPNC supports a ‘live within your means’ budget. We believe that it is a poor foreign, domestic, and economic policy to bring the state and country further into debt. As such, we propose that the state be required to form a budget within the estimated income for the year.”

Rationale: Our current baseline budgeting is wasting resources, taken from the citizens, or borrowed from another source, placing us further into debt. Just as every citizen must live within their means or face the personal consequences, so, eventually, must the government. To prevent this, we propose a "live within your means" budget.

Current Platform of the LPNC

Adopted in Convention April 23, 2016

PREAMBLE

Freedom is the natural condition of all people. But far too often, governments stifle innovation through regulation, subvert compassion through bureaucracy, and suppress achievement through economic manipulation—and in so doing, limit our potential to work together voluntarily in achieving shared success and individual fulfillment.

The Libertarian Party of North Carolina holds that state, county, and local governments should never stand in the way of the people of North Carolina—of who we are, who we can be, and what we can achieve—so long as each individual respects those same rights of others.

Personal Freedom and Individual Rights

Self Defense

The LPNC acknowledges every individual's inalienable right to choose to own and carry firearms or other means of self-defense, without government licensing, registration, monitoring, or interference of any kind.

Free Association

The LPNC supports the right of individuals in any commercial or social circumstance to associate or not to associate with others as they see fit.

Death Penalty

The LPNC opposes execution of prisoners. State-sanctioned revenge never serves the cause of justice.

War on Drugs

Since the beginning of the LPNC, we have called for the end to the policy of drug prohibition. While we do not advocate the use of recreational drugs, it has become obvious that the enforcement of drug prohibition is more harmful to society than the legal use of recreational drugs could ever be. We call for the legalization of all recreational drugs and the pardon of individuals convicted solely on nonviolent drug charges.

As a first step to proving the value of lifting these prohibitions, we call for the immediate legalization of marijuana production and use for medical, recreational, and industrial purposes in North Carolina.

Marriage and Domestic Relationships

The LPNC calls for the immediate repeal of all laws that encourage or discourage any consensual sexual or family relationships. Additionally, the LPNC calls for the state to leave marriage and domestic relationships to religious institutions or private contracts.

Privacy

The LPNC opposes any attempts by government to collect information on the people, except in the constitutionally required performance of its duties. All

personal information gathered by government must be kept confidential, and not used or shared except directly for the purpose for which it was gathered.

Immigration

The LPNC welcomes immigrants and migrants. People who are not U.S. citizens should enjoy equal treatment under the law, regardless of their immigration status. No official of the State of North Carolina should cooperate with or assist federal officials in enforcing federal laws which infringe on the liberty of travel, residence, and employment, such as immigration and emigration laws, mandatory identification papers, and work permits.

Cryptography

The LPNC maintains that the safety, security, privacy, and integrity that cryptography achieves should not be encumbered, limited, or weakened by government. We contend that a free market pursuing quality and innovation in the best interest of its customers should never be forced to betray the trust of those customers by being compelled to weaken or degrade its offerings.

Economic Freedom, the Free Market, and Social Cooperation

Welfare

The LPNC envisions a society based on individual responsibility. Government welfare programs have created a system that encourages dependency and is subject to abuse and corruption. Once people are free to keep all the money they earn, they will be able to offer direct individual aid that is truly compassionate. The LPNC favors ending government welfare programs as quickly as possible.

Corporate Welfare

The LPNC opposes any action by state or local government to subsidize the costs of private business. The free market is far more efficient than government at deciding which businesses most benefit North Carolinians.

Environment and Pollution

The LPNC calls for reforms to clearly declare the right of everyone to be free from pollution in their living and business situations and for prompt resolution of suits for damages. The best check on potential polluters is to provide an accessible and economic means for victims of pollution to compel full and complete compensation for all damage done by the polluter. However, only demonstrable damages to a person or specific group are actionable, and not vague fears of possible bad futures.

Healthcare

The LPNC calls for the elimination of all legislation or government regulation that forces individuals to participate or limits individuals options in medication, treatment or care of disease or condition. The LPNC calls for the elimination of public health services paid for through taxation in favor of more responsive, more efficient private charitable care with its long history of positive outcomes.

Occupational Licensing

The LPNC wants to foster more numerous, accessible, and equitable economic opportunities by eliminating state occupational licensing requirements. Broader access would offer greater opportunity for both producers and consumers, especially the economically and politically disadvantaged. We trust that enhanced

competition would be more responsive to individual consumer needs and allow for a better distribution of resources.

Local Government Monopolies

The LPNC challenges local and county governments to allow private solutions for basic needs. We call for free and open competition in all areas that have been previously reserved to government-granted monopolies, including but not limited to utilities, police, and fire protection.

Zoning and Property Use

The LPNC calls for the repeal of all zoning ordinances. In their place, we uphold the rights of private owners to use and develop their property as they see fit, and the rights of their neighbors to be protected from any direct harm caused by such use. We call for the elimination of all laws that dictate to homeowners how they will build, inhabit, or use their property, and of all regulations that increase the costs of housing. We encourage people to establish private contractual relationships that promote harmonious land use and development.

Transportation

The LPNC proposes giving private enterprise the opportunity to come up with innovative transportation solutions without government interference. Current roads should be maintained by private enterprise until such time as they can be transferred to private ownership.

Education

The LPNC supports any attempt by parents and students to take control of their education. The state should uphold its NC constitutional mandate to ensure that children have access to a quality education by lifting the burden of regulation from private education and homeschooling and by allowing as much school choice as possible.

The ABC and the State Lottery

The LPNC calls for state government to cease operation of business in otherwise banned services such as alcohol distribution and gambling (lottery). The notion that lottery profits go to otherwise tax-funded education is a fraud upon the people. Private enterprise will serve customers of such services better and more fairly.

The Role of Government

Taxation

The LPNC recognizes that all people have the basic right to keep the fruits of their labor and enterprise. Taxation is by its very nature a coercive and destructive act against the people. The costs of government should be paid by voluntary means only.

Criminal Law

The LPNC calls for repeal of all statutes that assert a crime has been committed in cases where no specific victim or damage to property can be identified. We also call for the immediate pardon of those convicted under such laws. The proper focus of a system of criminal justice is to require criminals to provide restitution to the victims of their crime. We recognize the right of the victim to come to a private settlement with, or even pardon, the criminal.

Takings

The LPNC maintains that individuals' justly-acquired property is theirs, and theirs alone, to direct, utilize, and dispose of as they see fit. We oppose preemptive and forceful takings, such as civil asset forfeiture—including sharing in such forfeitures—eminent domain, and involuntary taxation. We support commensurate restitution for individuals whose property has suffered demonstrable harm or loss of value because of government action or regulation.

The Police

The LPNC calls for an end to warrantless searches of any kind, including homes or cars. The LPNC calls on local and state governments to reject the militarization of police forces, including the acquisition of military hardware. We call for investigation of all police officers involved in incidents in which a suspect is harmed, with the full consequences any non-officer would face.

Government Immunity

The LPNC believes that no government official, even when acting in pursuance of his official duties, should have immunity from the law.

Legislation

The LPNC challenges the General Assembly to write bills that cover only one topic and that can be easily understood. We oppose riders, unrelated amendments, or any other attempt to pass legislation without a clear, open, and public consideration of the proposed law.

Jury Nullification

The LPNC recognizes the right of juries to judge not only the accused, but also the law through jury nullification. We favor requiring judges to inform juries of this right.

Federal Grants

The LPNC calls for state and local governments to turn away all federal grants and the restrictions and mandates that come with them. We call on the federal government to release control and funding over these programs to the state and to the people.

Bonds

The LPNC calls for state and local governments to take action to pay off existing bonds as quickly as possible, and refrain from the issuance of new bonds.

Sale of Government Lands and Assets

The LPNC calls for state and local governments to privatize lands and assets. We call for a fair and open process to liquidate these lands and assets at maximum value. The proceeds from these sales should be used to eliminate bond debt.

Ballot Access

The LPNC believes that the General Assembly should enact no law abridging the right of a constitutionally qualified person to be presented to the electorate via the ballot. The members of the General Assembly, being incumbents, should not “tip the scales” to favor themselves and their parties by imposing any burden on others beyond minimal administrative procedures.

Electoral Administration

The LPNC advocates amending state law to provide a process enabling unaffiliated voters to serve on boards of election. The interests of unaffiliated voters—now a significant proportion of voters in North Carolina—are unrepresented on the State and County Boards of Election, as current state law bans unaffiliated voters from being appointed.

Redistricting

The LPNC supports a redistricting process conducted by an independent, nonpartisan agency for all local, state, and federal districts. The process should be open and transparent. It should involve significant public input with the opportunity for citizens to weigh in on proposed district maps.

Fair Elections

The LPNC calls for an end to all limits on a person's right to support the constitutionally-eligible person of his choice. The right to freedom of expression must include the unrestricted right to pay for dissemination of one's opinion.

MISCELLANEOUS

National Libertarian Party Platform

The LPNC affirms and adopts the platform of the national Libertarian Party.

Omissions

In all matters where the LPNC does not take a position in this platform, the party shall always be in favor of the position that limits the role of government and protects the freedom of individuals.

Appendix 3 - 2018 LPNC Convention Elections

Executive Committee Vacancy Elections

Vacancy: Vice Chair

| Candidate | Result |
|--|-------------------|
| Brent DeRidder (appointed by ExCom - former Secretary) | Elected unopposed |
| None of the above | No votes |

Vacancy: Secretary

| Candidate | Result |
|--|-------------------|
| Ryan (Ben) Teeter (appointed by ExCom - former At-Large) | Elected unopposed |
| None of the above | No votes |

Vacancy: At-Large (Four Positions)

| Candidate | Result |
|---|--------------|
| Adam Brooks (nominated by Sarah Brady Wagner) | 46 (ELECTED) |
| Sarah Brady Wagner (appointed by ExCom) | 44 (ELECTED) |
| Kevin Ayler (appointed by ExCom) | 32 (ELECTED) |
| Aaron Jeffers (appointed by ExCom) | 28 (ELECTED) |
| MiChelle Barnett (nominated by Reid Deal) | 21 |
| David Lamont (nominated by Amy Lamont) | 19 |
| None of the above | No votes |

2018 Libertarian Party National Convention Delegate Election

1. Tom Howe
2. Barbara Howe
3. Sarah Brady Wagner
4. Chris Wagner
5. Sean Haugh
6. Pam Adams
7. Erik Raudsep
8. David Alex Smith
9. Christopher Nance
10. Laura Nance
11. Brad Hessel
12. David Lamont
13. Amy Lamont
14. Susan (Jane) Hogarth
15. Ray Ubinger
16. Charles Lanahan
17. Tom Bailey
18. Joy Elliott
19. Jessie Shearin
20. Virginia Shearin
21. Laura Brooks
22. Adam Brooks
23. Steven DiFiore
24. Brian Lewis
25. Tim Harris

Tom Howe moved and Brad Hessel seconded to approve the delegates by acclamation. The motion carried unopposed. The convention attendees acclaimed the nominees.

Tom Howe moved and Matt Clements seconded to appoint Barbara Howe as 2018 Libertarian Party National Convention Delegation Chair. The motion carried unopposed.

Judicial Committee Election

| Candidate | Result |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Barbara Howe | 44 (ELECTED) |
| Brian Irving | 41 (ELECTED) |
| Ken Penskowski | 31 (ELECTED) |
| Tom Bailey | 28 (ELECTED) |
| David Perry | 24 (ELECTED) |
| David Lamont | 21 |
| Lonnie Holcomb | 18 |
| None of the above | 2 |

Appendix 4 - Platform Proposals

1. Replacement plank: Electoral Administration

The LPNC calls for establishment of an independent agency to administer all elections in North Carolina, replacing the bipartisan state and county boards of elections.

RATIONALE: A government that speaks for all of us has to start with an electoral system that hears all of us. Political parties should not dictate how elections are administered.

2. New Plank: Candidate Nominations

The LPNC holds that a political party, not the State, should be the sole determiner of who runs under its banner in an election. Parties should be able to select their candidates in any manner they choose, including primaries, conventions, caucuses, nominating committees, or even drawing straws. If the party decides to use primaries, that party and that party alone should conduct and pay for them.

RATIONALE: The State determines who can register as a Libertarian and thus be eligible to run for office under our label. Unlike the Republican and Democratic parties, we have core values and principles that mean something. The LP must protect its brand.

