

MINUTES OF THE 2019 CONVENTION OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Warwick Hall UNC-W, Wilmington, NC
May 31-June 2, 2019

The 2019 Convention of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina convened at 9:00 a.m., May 31, 2019.

Chair of the LPNC, Susan Hogarth, addressed the convention, and welcomed the attendees with thanks to Matthew Clements (Chair of the Convention Committee) on organizing the Convention, Reid Deal (Chair of the 2019 Bylaws Committee), and Roger Kohn for the Convention Yard Sale.

Welcome from LPNC Chair

Chair of the LPNC, Susan Hogarth, called the convention to order at 9:10 a.m. Susan Hogarth thanked the convention committee, speakers and panelists, guests, and excom members.

John Underwood was serving as parliamentarian for the convention. Reid Deal was acting secretary for the convention.

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

Phil Jacobson moves that in accordance with the LPNC Bylaws Article XII, Section 4, the convention designate any LPNC member present as a delegate. Brent DeRidder seconded. By voice vote the motion passed uncontested.

Susan Hogarth, Chair invoked Convention Rule 3.2 that motions made are to be submitted to the Secretary in writing.

Adoption of the Agenda

2019 LPNC Convention Proposed Agenda

Warwick Center (activities) and Belk Hall (residence) of UNC Wilmington

Friday (evening)

Check in at UNCW for residential stay 4 pm to 9 pm BELK HALL
Unofficial Gathering(s) Residence Hall

Saturday

Breakfast 8 AM to 9 AM

Warwick Center, Dubs Cafe

Registration 8 AM to 9 AM

Warwick Center

Business Session

9:10 Convention Call to Order; Secretary/Credentials Report

9:15 State of the LPNC - Susan Hogarth, Chair

9:30 Reading of Resolutions

9:40 Bylaws Committee Report

11:40 Strategic Plan Report Vice Chair Brent DeRitter

Noon - Lunch **Sponsored by Cloud Coin**

Speaker Steven R. Feldman, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Dermatology, Wake Forest School of Medicine: *“Health care reform: Can we fix the underlying problem?”*

Warwick Center, Ballroom #4

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

Check out other options available that we cannot list here

1:15 PM

Committee Volunteer Roundtable

Mary Ruwart - “How to roll back government without electing anyone”

3:00 PM

Jim Doughty - Media Relations

Zak Lentz - NORML - Advocating for Freedom

4:15 PM Discussion of Motion to Change Libertarian Primary

6:00 PM - Gala Banquet

Warwick Center, Ballroom #4

Mary Ruwart, speaker - Sponsored by Barbara and Tom Howe

7:00 PM - TRIVIA CONTEST/Auction

Warwick Center, Ballroom #4

Join us to have fun, win prizes, learn, and raise money for the LPNC!

Sunday

8 AM - 9 AM Breakfast

Warwick Center, Dubs Cafe

9 AM Convention Reconvenes

Secretary/Credentials Report

Debate and Voting on Resolutions

10 AM Election of Executive Committee

- during vote counts, we will hear from Tim Harris and Jeff Scott, Congressional Candidates

11 AM Election of Judicial Committee

11:15 Other Business

Noon - Convention Adjourns

12:30 - meeting of new Executive Committee

The agenda was adopted uncontested by voice vote.

Secretary's Report

The secretary reported there were 60 LPNC Members, with 59 eligible at 9:20 a.m.; 30 constituted a majority and 40 constituted two-thirds (2/3).

Chair Topics

Susan Hogarth Chair of the LPNC announced the topics covered after the 2018 Convention.

2018:

Candidates

Primaries

Revitalized Issues

Outreach - State Fair, Dixie Classic Fair, and Pride

Affiliate Growth

National Convention

2019:

Strategic Plan
Two Congressional Races
Focus on Party Structure
Affiliate Growth
Preparation for 2020 Races
Pledge Plan
Coalition Building
Finances

2020:

Draft Budget (Identified need to double)
Require Budget

Engage:

Vote Libertarian
Register Libertarian
Sign Pledge
Join an Affiliate
Monetary Pledges
Give Time

Bylaws Committee

Bylaws Committee Report given by Brian Irving as the designee of Chair. Bylaws Committee members were Reid Deal, Chair, Andy Steude, Amy Lamont, Phil Jacobson, Barbara Howe, Ryan Teeter, Patrick Gaumont, Susan Hogarth, and Brian Irving.

Recommendation to consider the Proposals with voice vote resulted in the affirmative. Passed
Vote to Accept the Committee Report with voice vote resulting in the affirmative. Passed
Consider Accepting Proposals with voice vote resulting in the affirmative. Passed
Ruled in Order by the Chair Susan Hogarth

Questions on the proposals asked by Ryan Teeter, Sean Haugh, and Ray Ubinger to the presenter Brian Irving.

Erik Raudsep Motion to move on Proposal 5,6 and 7 with exception to Proposal 3 and 4, second unrecorded but given, voice vote resulted in the affirmative. Passed
Sean Haugh, consideration to separate Proposal 3 Treasurer and Executive Committee Composition, with voice vote resulting in the negative with the Nay's carrying. Defeated
Brent DeRidder moved to extend by five (5) minutes, voice vote resulting in the affirmative. Passed

Proposal 1 Technical Corrections

Recommendation to vote on voting for the proposal, voice vote resulted in the affirmative. Passed

Question called, voice vote resulted in the affirmative. Passed

Proposal 2 Convention Rule 5 Voting on Adjunct Committee Reports

Recommendation to vote on voting for the proposal, voice vote resulted in the affirmative.

Passed

Question called, voice vote resulted in the affirmative. Passed

Proposal 3 Treasurer and Executive Committee Composition

Recommendation to vote on voting for the proposal, voice vote resulted in the affirmative.

Passed

Question called, voice vote resulted in the affirmative. Passed

Proposal 4 Judicial Committee Jurisdiction

Discussion on the Judicial Committee Proposal

Recommendation to vote on voting for the proposal, voice vote resulted in the affirmative.

Passed

Question called, voice vote resulted in the affirmative. Passed

Proposal 5 Members/Associates

Recommendation to vote on voting for the proposal, voice vote resulted in the affirmative.

Passed

Question called, voice vote resulted in the affirmative. Passed

Proposal 6 National Convention Delegates

Recommendation to vote on voting for the proposal, voice vote resulted in the affirmative.

Passed

Question called, voice vote resulted in the affirmative. Passed

Proposal 7 Advisory Senate Members

Discussion

Recommendation to vote on voting for the proposal, voice vote resulted in the affirmative.

Passed

Question called, voice vote resulted in the affirmative. Passed

Business of the day suspended

Candidates and Strategic Planning Committee

Jeff Scott at 11:20 am gave his update on the proceedings of Congressional District 9 and his campaign.

Tim Harris at 11:35 am gave his update on the proceedings of Congressional District 3 and his campaign.

Brent DeRidder talked about Strategic Planning (membership, affiliates, organizational, state, and local level)

Presentation on Cloud Coin

Break for Lunch 11:55 am

Opening of the Sunday, 6/2/2019 Business Session

The Chair opened Sunday's business session at 9:17 a.m.

Secretary's Report

The Acting Secretary reports 50 total, 26 constitutes majority, 33 constitutes $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.

Nomination and Election of Executive Committee

The Chair opened the floor for nominations.

Position of Chair relinquished by Susan Hogarth for nominations for Chair, the Acting Secretary was occupied with the minutes and turned Chair over to John Underwood Parliamentarian to conduct.

Chair

Brian Irving nominates Brent DeRidder, seconding speech Ryan Teeter
Brent DeRidder nominates Susan Hogarth, seconding speech Brad Hessel
Nominations closed

Results - Susan Hogarth 27
 Brent DeRidder 23
 NOTA 2

Susan Hogarth declared the winner

Vice Chair

Susan Hogarth nominates Brent DeRidder, seconding speech Brian Irving
David Ulmer nominates Tim Harris, seconding speech by Steven DiFiore
Brad Hessel nominates Matt Clements, seconding speech Ray Ubinger

Results - Brent DeRidder 45
 Tim Harris 5
 Matt Clements 1
 Erik Raudsep 1
 NOTA 1

Brent DeRidder declared the winner

Secretary

Andy Steude nominates Donald Reid Deal, seconding speech Brent DeRidder
Ryan Teeter nominates Erik Raudsep
Ryan Teeter nominates Ray Ubinger

Results - Donald Reid Deal	47
Erik Raudsep	4
Ray Ubinger	1
NOTA	2

Donald Reid Deal declared the winner

Treasurer

No longer an elected position and being appointed by the Chair with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee.

The appointee and Treasurer is Barbara Howe.

At Large

Nominees with results

Joe Garcia	36
Tim Conard	26
John Underwood	24
Tim Harris	24
Chris Wagner	14
Bryce Acer	6
Ryan Teeter	25
Chris Dooley	36
Nick Taylor	15
David Ulmer	1
Houston Barrow	1

The four (4) At Large declared winners are:

Chris Dooley
 Joe Garcia
 Ryan Teeter
 Tim Conard

Judicial Committee

Ken Penkowski	29
Sarah Brady Wagner	34
Erik Raudsep	35
Chris Wagner	16
John Underwood	37

Tom Bailey	26
Nick Taylor	22
Tom Bivens	17

The five (5) Judicial Committee declared winners are

Ken Penkowsi
Sarah Brady Wagner
Erik Raudsep
John Underwood
Tom Bailey

Convention Committee

Those volunteering for the committee thus far are

Ryan Teeter
Travis Groo
Tim Harris
Brent DeRidder

Discussion on the 2020 Convention location

David Ulmer moves for the 2020 Convention to be held in Greensboro or nearby, seconded by Ryan Teeter.

Sean Haugh suggests it to be left open for the committee

Voice vote resulted in the affirmative. Passed

Open or Closed Primaries

Brian Irving moves

Whereas a closed primary is the best way to ensure that Libertarians get to decide who is the best Libertarian candidate to carry the libertarian messages to North Carolina voters in the November election;

Whereas under North Carolina election statutes, the Libertarian Party of North Carolina has little control over who can run for office as a Libertarian. Anyone can affiliate with the party when they register to vote and therefore qualify to run for office as a Libertarian. If more than one person files, the state conducts a primary to determine the party's nominee;

Whereas, the only decision the party can make is whether or not to allow unaffiliated voters to participate. Since gaining ballot status, the LPNC Executive Committee has

chosen to allow unaffiliated voters to participate in Libertarian primaries;

Whereas in several Libertarian primaries political opportunists who do not hold to Libertarian principles, and in one case who openly disavowed Libertarian principles, have attempted to hijack our nomination;

Whereas unlike the establishment parties, the Libertarian Party has ideas, values, and principles, as well as a valued reputation and brand identity;

Whereas the LPNC platform 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, and;

Whereas our party policy and practice should reflect the values, goals, and objectives stated in our party platform; therefore,

I move that the Libertarian Party of North Carolina, in convention assembled, direct the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina to immediately notify the N.C State Board of Elections that, under the provision of state law (G.S. 163A-989), Unaffiliated voters are no longer eligible to vote in Libertarian primaries, and that this policy will remain in effect until a future State Convention determines otherwise.

Seconded by Bobby Emory

Brian Irving speaks for. Sarah Brady Wagner speaks against. Brad Hessel speaks on point of information. Tom Bailey speaks against. Ray Ubinger speaks against. Travis Groo speaks for. Steven DiFiore Speaks against. Tim Harris speaks for.

The question is called

Results of the ballot count

33 Against

17 For

Motion Fails

Phil Jacobson moves. Seconded by Ken Penkowski

Whereas

The Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina state:

Article VII. Advisory Senate

The Advisory Senate shall be an honorary council consisting of those Executive Committee members or other officers who have completed their terms of office, or those who have been appointed Senators by the Party in Convention, and who remain members of the Party in good standing; and,

Whereas

The purpose of the Advisory Senate is to honor those members who have served the party, and who to recognize the institutional memory these members possess; and,

Whereas

Brad Hessel has served the party in many capacities over many years, including service as Executive Director, as a member of many LPNC committees, as an officer at the local level, and with other service not officially recognized;

The delegates to the LPNC State Convention of 2019 hereby appoint Brad Hessel as a member of the LPNC Advisory Senate.

Voice vote resulted in the affirmative. Passed

Brad Hessel moves that The EC study the issue and statistics of Ballot Hijacking, seconded by Brent DeRidder.

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Moved that the Libertarian Party of North Carolina, in convention assembled, direct the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina to report to the 2021 Convention with respect to the status of ballot hijacking and primaries. Such report should be made available to delegates at least a month prior to the convention and address (but not necessarily be limited to) the following topics:

[1] Analysis of ballot hijacking attempts since 2008

[2] Analysis of anti-ballot hijacking measures (both any actually employed and proposed)

[3] Analysis of independent voters who have participated in LPNC primary elections

[4] Recommendation to the incoming EC/Chair with respect to the disposition of LPNC primaries for 2022 (should they be semi-closed or closed?)

Voice vote resulted in the affirmative. Passed

Resolution

By Ray Ubinger

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Voice vote resulted in the affirmative. Passed

Meeting adjourned

Submitted Respectfully,

Donald Reid Deal,
Secretary
Libertarian Party of North Carolina