

Libertarian Party of North Carolina

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Nov 12, 2020
(Virtual)

In attendance: Joe Garcia (Chair), Reid Deal (Secretary), Barbara Howe (Treasurer), Timothy Conard (At-Large), Jonathan Hopper (At-Large), Matt Clements (At Large), Brad Hessel (Guest), Noah Simmons (Guest), Jeremy Hussey (Guest), Susan Hogarth (Guest)

Absent: Chris Cash-Dooley (At Large)

Call to Order

Joe Garcia at 8:36pm

Chair Report

Leadership Change

Brent DeRidder has resigned as Chair of the LPNC, which was effective as of Nov. 4, 2020. I, Joe Garcia, have moved from Vice Chair to Chair to fill that vacancy. as per LPNC Bylaws Article IV, Section 3. It is my honor and pleasure to step in as the new Chair to serve the members of the LPNC.

Vice Chair Vacancy

A link to apply for the vacant position of Vice Chair was emailed to LPNC membership and also posted to the LPNC Members Facebook group. The Executive Committee will hold a special election to fill the now vacant position of Vice Chair.

Job Openings

There are several positions that will need to be filled in the immediate future which will be critical for the success of the LPNC. These positions are: Volunteer Coordinator, Campaigns Coordinator, Legislation Coordinator, Media Coordinator and Regional Affiliate Liaisons for Regions 1 thru 7. Job Descriptions and Applications are currently being finalized and will be sent to members via email.

Election Results

Although Presidential candidate Jo Jorgensen and NC gubernatorial candidate Steve DiFiore did not attain 2% of the vote total in their respective races, due to Dr. Jorgensen being on the ballot in all 50 States + D.C. (100%), we will stay on the ballot in North Carolina. The Libertarian Party needed to be on at least 70% of the ballots Nationwide.

Shannon Bray received 3.1% of the vote in the US Senate race and more than covered the spread between Republican Thom Tillis and Democrat Cal Cunningham. Incumbent Thom Tillis won the election, but Shannon was a difference maker in this election and has garnered quite a bit of media coverage.

Newsletter

Our Fundraising Director, Ace Fogerson, has offered to start a monthly newsletter to help get news out to LPNC membership. We will be looking for someone to take over the newsletter from Ace in the near future.

Minutes

Joe Garcia (Vice Chair) asked if everyone had read the previous Minutes, hearing no objections they were approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$13,448.88 in checking

Officer and Committee

Joe announced that Brad Hessel and Brian Irving had been appointed by Brent prior to his resignation to spearhead the effort to maintain party status for the LPNC in view of our failure to obtain 2% of the vote in either the 2020 Presidential or gubernatorial contests. Brad then reported as to progress on this effort. He stated that as Dr. Jo Jorgensen was on the ballot in all 50 states, we will be able maintain recognition by the state for the next four years, but that we have not yet been able to clarify precisely what documentation the NCSBE will accept from us as proof. The risk we are managing is that the NCSBE might, in accordance with the statute, convert all registered Libertarian voters to unaffiliated before we can provide them the proof they demand.

Jonathan Hopper spoke on the website about replacing the candidate page with the 2021 Convention info.

Jeremy Hussey spoke on Volunteers being needed for the Affiliate Team. Newly appointed

Region 5 Coordinator Noah Simmons.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Seeing no further business Joe Garcia moves to adjourn, no objections
Meeting Adjourned at 9:12

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Reid Deal
Secretary
Libertarian Party of North Carolina