

Libertarian Party of North Carolina
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

December 23, 2020
(Virtual)

In Attendance: Joe Garcia (Chair), Reid Deal (Vice Chair), Shawn Page (Secretary), Jonathan Hopper (At-Large), Matt Clements (At-Large), Chris Cash-Dooley (At-Large), Tim Conard (At-Large), Noah Simmons (Guest), Brent DeRidder (Guest), Brad Hessel (Guest)

Absent: Barbara Howe (Treasurer)

Call to Order

Chairman Joe Garcia: *The meeting is starting at 8:37 p.m. on December 23, 2020. Thank you, everybody, for attending.*

Chair Report

Chairman Joe Garcia: *We're going to start off with the chair report for this meeting. Since the last meeting, we have filled our secretary position as of the December 10th executive committee meeting where we voted for Shawn Page to fill the vacant secretary position once Reid Deal moved up to vice chair. I am looking forward to having Shawn working with us here on the EC. Also, since the last meeting, we have a couple of new regional affiliate liaisons appointed those two new members to be the affiliate development team. They are Sarah Brady Wagner and Tim Harris, and they will be filling the vacant regional affiliate liaison positions for Region four and Region two, respectively.*

Minutes

Chairman Joe Garcia: *Moving on, did everybody have a chance to read the minutes of the last meeting? And are there any discrepancies or objections that anybody has to those minutes? Hearing none, I moved to accept those minutes and to record.*

Treasurer's Report

Chairman Joe Garcia: *We're going to move to the Treasurer Report. OK, so Barbara is traveling, and she sent the [Slack] message saying that the current balance in the BB&T account is \$14,328 dollars and 40 cents. We have \$1,582 dollars and 82 cents in PayPal for a total of \$15,821 dollars and 22 cents. The only expense that Barbara expected before the end of the year is a \$55 dollar charge for the textually service that we used to send that text blast from time to time. And she said the remaining pledges for December should be around \$162 dollars and five cents. There has been a smattering, I don't know what the measurement of that is of convention registrations, so that could happen as well as before the end of the year. And essentially that ends the treasurer's report.*

Treasurer's Report as of Dec 23, 2020

Current balances:

BB&T \$14,238.40
PP \$1,582.82
Total \$15,821.22

Treasurer Barbar Howe: *The only expense I expect before the end of the year is the \$55.00 charge for Textedly.com. The remaining pledges for December should be around \$162.05. There has been a smattering of Convention registrations, so that could happen, as well, before the end of year.*

Electronic Voting Report

None

Officer & Committee Reports

None

New Business

Chairman Joe Garica: *I'm going to move up to new business first so that Mr. Brett Haskell can have the rest of his evening back. And Brad is here to give us an update on the severe CRM and nation builder subscription details that we face. So, Brad, please. The floor is yours, sir.*

Guest Brad Hessel: *So I don't know if all members here have had an opportunity to review the latest posting in the Migration Channel of Slack. But there was some detail there with respect to our progress. And essentially we've had a series of meetings with folks who are intimately working and involved with the LPI CRM project, and it seems quite clear that there is a path for us to migrate this year as planned in 2021. And there's a fair amount of work for us to do to prepare our data to be effectively imported into their CRM. And we also need to convert our website, which Jonathan may be able to add some color to if anyone has any questions about that. In addition to that, there are some technical issues that need to be resolved. But basically there's no there's no reason why we shouldn't be able to accomplish this. And we did clear out one concern we had was there. They have a line of people waiting to get in and how long it would take. We basically have assurances now that whenever we're ready, there won't be much of a wait. We'll be able to to be imported pretty quickly. So what we're looking at is probably pulling an import or pulling the migration off after the convention so as not to disrupt or risk disrupting the the stuff that's in place for. For accepting convention registrations and so on and so forth, I'm not quite sure how that would work in the new environment and it doesn't seem like it'd be a good idea to try to trade horses in midstream on that. I believe that gives us enough time to be ready in any event. So probably we'd be looking around a July to August timeframe to pull this off. So unless there's any other questions, I'd just like to cut to the chase. And the proposal that we have the Migration Committee is presenting today, basically is that we have a renewal coming up with*

Nation Builder, with our Nation Builders subscription next month. And we have an arrangement with them where we get a 20 percent discount if we pay for the full year up front.

But it doesn't make sense for us to pay for the full year for 2021 because we expect we'd be migrating six or seven months in maybe a little bit later than that, but certainly not the full 12 months. So we would propose that instead of renewing for the full year that we would convert to a month to month and pay that fee. I think I don't remember the exact number or whatever was said in the report. Two hundred nine dollars is what sticks in my brain per month. So if we go if we go only eight months, obviously two hundred times eight is sixteen hundred dollars as opposed to two thousand dollars, we end up saving money and we wouldn't have to lay it all out and upfront. We'd be able to do it month by month. So we'd actually end up ahead of the game. And if our estimates are off and it takes us another month or two, we're still not going to lose money on the deal. So that's our recommendation. That decision doesn't necessarily need to be made tonight, but we do need to make it before the next or before the I think it was the 18th of January when the 17th of the 18th. Again, that number that date is in that report, which I don't have in front of me right at the moment, for some reason, my Slack isn't showing that particular posting. So the decision should be made either at this meeting or at the first meeting in January, which would give us time to switch the subscription, the default, which if we don't do anything now, it'll be just two thousand dollars. And I don't think we want that to happen.

At-Large Matt Clements: *I move to accept the proposal for the EC to go month to month.*

Vice-Chairman Reid Deal: *And I, Reid Deal second the motion.*

-Discussion-

Chairman Joe Garcia: *All those opposed? Hearing no objections, this proposal has been voted on. It's been accepted.*

Old Business

Chairman Joe Garcia: *We're going to move back to old business now, right? Business is the NDA, right? Ok, so if everybody's been following the law and in fact, I have taken some of the recommendations that Julie has made and I have added them to the new NDA. So essentially, all that was changed, no legal wording was changed. The only thing I've added was stuff to define what the LPC will be defining as proprietary information. So all the legalese has remained the same. Nothing has changed as far as that goes, because we're the organization we're allowed to define and set what we consider proprietary information. I think that personally, I think that this is good. I think it's solid. It's not too vague. And I think it's very specific. And it's pretty straightforward, it covers a lot of stuff, believe it or not, for as clear as it is and not vague, it*

also is very, very defined and specific, which addresses what quite a few members had complained about in the past. So would anybody like to submit this proposal?

At-Large Matt Clements: *I move to accept the changes as listed.*

Vice-Chairman Reid Deal: *I second.*

-Discussion-

Chairman Joe Garcia: *Does anybody object to accepting the proposed NDA, as our new NDA? This proposed NDA is our new NDA, I should say. Hearing none, we now have a new NDA. Congratulations, everybody. Thank you.*

Meeting Adjourned

Chairman Joe Garcia: *We move to adjourn. Is everybody OK with that? Yes. OK, congratulations, everybody. Thank you very much for a nice quick half hour, less than a half hour meeting. I appreciate it. Merry Christmas to all that celebrate. And I look forward to seeing you guys in the New Year; [meeting adjourned at 9:00pm, December 23, 2020].*

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn E. Page
Secretary
Libertarian Party of North Carolina