

Libertarian Party of Nevada
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
3:00 PM on Sunday, October 2, 2022
Meeting held remotely.

1. Call to Order:

Chair Charles Melchin called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM. A quorum of the Executive Committee was present.

2. Roll Call:

Executive Committee Members Present:	Charles Melchin (Chair) Jeffery Hurley (Vice-Chair) Travis McGlothlin (Treasurer) Katie Banuelos (Secretary) Adam Haman (S. Regional Rep.) Chris Orton (N. Regional Rep.) Sam Toll (At Large Rep.)
Executive Committee Members Absent:	None
Party Members & Public Present:	Darby Lee Burns Brenda Barozzi Brandon Davis JR Rowley

- 3. Public Comment:** Darby Lee Burns explained that in his experience campaigning, the message which resonated with voters the most was a bare-bones message of decentralization and a focus on reducing limitations on forming new governance entities. Brandon Davis spoke in favor of Ballot Question 3. He noted that most races currently have three or fewer candidates running for them, so he does not believe that the measure will result in fewer Libertarians on the ballot. He also stated that the change would remove the ballot access requirement for the party. He would like the party to support the measure.

4. Approval of Minutes:

a. Executive Committee Minutes (7/17/2022):

Charles Melchin called for any objections to approval of the minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as written.

b. Executive Committee Minutes (8/28/2022):

Charles Melchin called for any objections to approval of the minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as written.

5. Reports:

a. Officer Reports:

- i. **Chair's Report:** Charles Melchin reported that the LP Voters Guide would be completed and ready to publicize soon.
- ii. **Vice-Chair's Report:** Jeff Hurley noted for the minutes that the executive committee had approved a motion outside of a meeting to enter into a new Google Workspace

agreement. He is continuing his monthly tracking of SOS data and backing up of the website.

- iii. **Treasurer's Report:** Travis McGlothlin reported that the party was current and in compliance with all required FEC filings. As of September, there was \$13,018 in the bank. Donation for the month of September include \$617 in one-time donations and \$297 in recurring donations. He is looking into the possibility of switching payment processors in order to reduce merchant fees. Recent expenses include the \$3,084 annual payment for NationBuilder, \$34 for Google Workspace, the purchase of more t-shirts and a tablet for tabling. He noted that the executive committee had approved a donation of \$1,000 to the campaign of candidate Darby Lee Burns, which would be disbursed in October.
- iv. **Secretary's Report:** Katie Banuelos had nothing to report.

b. Director Reports:

- i. **Legislative:** Sam Toll reported that the next legislative session would be beginning in a few months. He has been meeting with sitting and former legislators to build connections. NPRI is interested in collaborating over the next session. He also suggested that the party consider switching away from Wells Fargo for their banking needs. Charles Melchin requested that this be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
- ii. **Communications:** Brenda Barozzi reported that click-through rates on the email blasts were down, so she may shift strategies.
- iii. **Tech:** Nothing to report.
- iv. **Elections:** Brandon Davis reported that there had been no committee meetings since the last Executive Committee meeting, but that many candidates were actively campaigning. One candidate had turned out to be ineligible for the office he sought, so signs will be placed at the polling centers to notify voters. He plans to begin organizing the committee for 2024 immediately following the election and to begin farming candidates early. He again encouraged the party to take a stand in favor of Ballot Question 3 as he believes the proposal to be a net positive.
- v. **Fundraising and Volunteer Coordinator:** Jeff Hurley noted that his total for monthly recurring donors differs from what was reported by treasurer Travis McGlothlin. They will review discrepancies together to determine the correct amount. He reported that in the first use of the tablet for tabling it became clear that he needs to make some modifications for redirect to prevent partial sign-ins. A fundraising event is being planned for after the election. He would like to build a connection with the local chamber of commerce for fundraising purposes. He spoke with LP National Party Fundraising Director Gabrielle Cordova, but she didn't have much to share beyond general info. He will be reaching out to the donors who have stopped donating. He continues to follow up with everyone who contacts the party to volunteer and directs them to in-person events.

c. Affiliate Reports:

- i. **Clark County:** Jeff Hurley reported three more events since the last meeting. They will be hosting a debate viewing party and will also try to organize an event in conjunction with Skankfest. He also reported that the Clark County 2023 Convention had been scheduled for March 11th, 2023.
- ii. **Douglas County:** No report.
- iii. **Washoe County:** Chris Orton reported that the bi-weekly meet-ups were still taking place, but there was no other recent activity.

d. Target Metrics Report: Jeff Hurley reported the following target metrics:

Registered Voters:	206+ or 88% per SOS press release
Email Subscriptions:	+7, has 10 pending additions
Active Participants:	-1
Dues Paying Members:	-5 (down to 99)
Monthly Donations:	\$442.76/mo from 20 donors (differs from Treasurer's report)

6. Old Business:

a. Discuss impending price increases from tech vendors and possible alternatives:

Charles Melchin noted that the action outside a meeting to enter into a new agreement with Google Workspace had resolved this item. It will be removed from the next agenda.

b. Discuss candidate support and fundraising: Jeff Hurley explained that the candidate web pages had been completed and needed copy and photographs to complete them. Katie Banuelos suggested organizing a phone banking event prior to the election. Travis McGlothlin and Jeff Hurley agreed to assist. Jeff Hurley suggested exploring the possibility of commissioning a poll. Brandon Davis explained that he had investigated this for his own campaign and it was challenging to find a reputable vendor, as many pollsters have conflicting interests or associations. He has developed a custom-built solution similar to what other candidates were doing and is willing to make it available to other candidates.

c. Discuss ballot questions:

- i. **Q1: "Equal rights" guarantees:** Jeff Hurley noted that the proposal did not define what constitutes a 'right'. Adam Haman stated that the party should oppose the proposal, because it is anti-individualist and implies that rights may be restricted for people outside of the stated categories. Katie Banuelos expressed concern that the inclusion of age as a protected category could have the effect of eroding parental rights. Sam Toll and Brandon Davis agreed that they were not in favor of the proposal. Without objection, the executive committee agreed to oppose the measure. Charles Melchin stated that the party should anticipate some public pushback to this position.
- ii. **Q2: Minimum wage increase:** Without objection, the executive committee agreed to oppose the measure.
- iii. **Q3: Open primaries & ranked choice voting:** Sam Toll expressed support for the measure, noting that it placed an onus on the party to run high quality candidates. Brandon Davis reiterated his support for the measure, noting that it would remove

the ballot access hurdle for the party and allow for greater focus on other issues. He reminded the committee that ballot access was secured for the next cycle, and argued that the party was starting from a place of irrelevance and therefore had little to lose from the change. Charles Melchin asked what the expected impact of the measure on presidential elections would be. Brandon Davis explained that legal counsel had stated there would be no changes to the process for presidential elections, but there might be a challenge due to timing as the national LP usually selects their presidential candidate in July. Adam Haman stated his belief that the measure would not prevent the game from being rigged, but would merely change the rules of the game. He noted that currently the party had a place on the ballot regardless of how much money was spent by the major parties and their donors. Sam Toll noted that the opposition of the major parties to this measure should be an indication that they expect it to erode their power. Jeff Hurley made a motion to adopt a stance in opposition to the proposal. Charles Melchin made a motion to adopt a stance on the proposal. Chris Orton, Katie Banuelos, and Adam Haman voted against the motion. Jeff Hurley and Sam Toll voted in favor of the motion. The motion failed. The party will not take a formal position on the ballot questions, but will instead make a statement explaining the arguments on both sides of the issue and encourage voters to vote their conscience.

d. Update on potential new affiliates: No updates or discussion.

7. New Business: None

8. Future Meeting Schedule and Calendar Updates:

The executive committee agreed to schedule the next state executive committee meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 3:00PM. The general election is scheduled for November 8, 2022. The voter registration % will be taken on January 1, 2024.

9. Adjournment:

Katie Banuelos made a motion to adjourn. Adam Haman seconded the motion, and with no objections the meeting was adjourned at 4:47PM.