

# Libertarian Party of North Carolina

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**16 March 2023**

**In Attendance:**

Ryan Brown, Chair  
Sean Haugh, Vice-Chair  
Dee Watson, Secretary  
Mike Ross, Treasurer  
Christina Aragues, At large  
Mac Browder, At large  
Angela Humphries, At large  
Nick Taylor, At large

**Absent:**

**LPNC Guest members:**

Bryce Acer  
Peter Antley  
Steven DiFiore  
Stephen Sumner

***Call to Order:***

Ryan Brown calls the meeting to order at 8:36 pm.

***Chair Report:***

Chair Ryan Bown gave the Chair's report as follows:

*As we've just got started I'll keep the Chair's report short. I'd like to thank the IT team for helping everyone on the new Executive Committee get set up for the upcoming term. We're looking to hit the ground running and we've got a lot of business tonight, so let's get to it.*

**Electronic Voting:**

Ryan Brown moves "that we approve these minutes from March 2nd, 2023's Executive Committee:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eUKU50yhSrXmdOmzLtU9rx3yE4dstZFXFJBpZiK7jE/edit?usp=sharing>"

**Yes:** Joe Garcia, Jonathan Hopper, Ryan Brown, Steven DiFiore, Sarah Brady, Kimberly

Acer, Travis Groo

**No:**

**Abstain:**

The motion passes 7-0-0.

***Previous Minutes:***

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted by electronic vote.

***Treasurer Report:***

Mike Ross submitted the Treasurer's report. The full report is attached at the end of this document.

There is \$35,265.35 in the Truist Primary account, \$190.54 in the Truist Federal account and \$3,408.08 in the PayPal account.

We are still waiting from the Village Inn to be billed for remaining convention expenses. At the next EC meeting Mike Ross should have a detailed report of expenses and revenue from convention at the next meeting.

Mike Ross moved "**that \$3.06 for printing of convention materials that had exceeded the previous allocation be approved**" Mac Browder seconded -passed without objection.

***Officer and Director Reports:***

*None*

***Convention Planning Committee Report:***

The convention committee met earlier in the day and will meet again next week. The Village Inn has not yet billed the LPNC and until then they cannot give a full report. A full report is expected at the next meeting. Members can give feedback on convention, via slack or by emailing the committee. The committee will create a new RFP and any member that is interested in joining the committee is encouraged to do so.

***Old Business:***

*None*

***New Business:***

- **Data Storage and compute proposal by Peter Antley. For political and policy.** -  
Dee

The need for the LPNC to house the publicly available NCSBE data for analysis was discussed by Peter Antley and Dee Watson. This was well received by members.

Dee Watson moved **“that up to \$50/month is allocated for the next 3 months to pay for data storage for the Political & Public Policy Division. Any unspent money will remain in the LPNC account. This will be further evaluated in 3 months.”** Mac Browder seconded -passed without objection.

- **Election of Region 5 Representative** - Ryan

The committee agreed that Otto Dassing the region 5 alternate would be an appropriate region 5 representative. It is typical for the alternate to move to the representative. There was no decision of who would replace Otto Dassing, if he is elected.

- **Time of future Executive Committee meetings.**

It was agreed that the EC would continue to meet biweekly for the time being at 7 pm, but the possibility of having monthly business meetings with meetups other weeks would be considered in the future after there is less of a backlog of business.

- **Implementation of Open Meeting Bylaw**

The new Open Meetings bylaw has to be implemented. It was agreed that we would wait to write a policy and get feedback from membership, however in the meantime the following would occur:

- At least once a month there would be a post in our communications indicating that all meetings are open and we would provide the link for the LPNC calendar.
- All new committees and teams should make a post on member communication channels and indicate their first meeting and planned schedule.
- All committees and teams should place their meetings on the LPNC calendar.

- **Evaluating Discord as an alternative to Slack** - Dee

Dee Watson spoke about the transition from Slack to either Mattermost or Discord. Mac Browder uses both and prefers Discord, but did say that Slack/Mattermost threads are better and we can transition the slack data to Mattermost better. Bryce Acer spoke in favor of Mattermost since you own your own data.

It was agreed that all members would be invited to a new Discord server with the understanding that official business should not take place there.

- **Creation of LPNC budget** - Mike Ross

Plans to create a full term (2 year) budget. He will give an evaluation of the past year's expenses to provide a baseline. He plans to have this ready at the next EC meeting.

- **Discuss I/T situation** - Mac

Bryce Acer and Christopher Dooley have stepped down as IT members. Tim Conard may be interested in joining the IT team. Members were encouraged to reach out to members who may be interested in helping the IT team.

**Other Business:**

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Adjournment at 9:46 PM EST.

Submitted, Dee Watson, Secretary

**Treasurer's Report – 3/16/2023**

**Balances:**

Truist Primary - \$35,265.35

Truist Federal - \$190.54 (still)

PayPal - \$3,408.08

**Spending Since Last Meeting:**

- Staples - \$421.71 (From Convention Printing... damn government theft put us over by \$3.06

- Twitter - \$8.00

- Zoom - \$15.99

- Convention - Still awaiting final bill

**Outstanding Project Authorized Spending:**

Gun Show Tabling Materials - \$327.82 remaining (\$1,000.00 authorized)

**Convention Related**

- Larry Sharpe - \$0.00 remaining (\$1,500.00 authorized)

- Printing - \$0.00 remaining (\$1,000.00 authorized)

o \$3.06 overspent – Move to Ratify

- Deposit - \$0.00 remaining (\$1,000.00 authorized)