

Libertarian Party of North Carolina

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

25 May 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:

Timothy Conard
Phil Jacobson
Steven DiFiore
Jonathan Hopper
Stephen Sumner
Rob Yates

Call to Order:

Ryan Brown calls the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Chair Report:

The Chair gave the following report “Welcome all, thank you for coming tonight. Since our last meeting, the LPNC helped put on the Carthage Buggy festival. This was to help restart the Moore County affiliate and the LPNC was able to get names of people looking to get involved. Earlier this week we recorded episode 1 of season 3 of Liberty INC. It was a great podcast, with Andy Stevens from GRNC joining, and I am looking forward to it going public very soon. “

Previous Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted without objection.

Electronic Voting:

There were no electronic votes since the last meeting.

Treasurer Report:

None at this meeting.

Officer and Director Reports:**Convention Planning Committee Report:**

Dee Watson reported the committee met May 18th, and all members in attendance emphatically wanted Zac Lentz to be the chair of the committee. They request his placement by the executive committee. The committee also reminds everyone that the RFP has been made available to membership. They encourage members to submit proposals, or it is likely the next convention will be at The Village Inn.

Dee Watson moved that "Zac Lentz be appointed as chair of the convention planning committee." Seconded by Mac Browder. The motion passed without objection.

Outreach Report:

Mac Browder reported the Fayetteville gun show would be June 3-4, and volunteers are still needed. The Wilmington gun show will be July 22-23. Dee Watson's questions about the Affiliate page were moved to other business.

Platform Committee:

Sean Haugh gave the report. The committee is now meeting and anticipates a short report. The committee recommended Seah Haugh as chair. Jamie Beckwith resigned from the committee. Sean Haugh was appointed chair of the platform committee. The motion passed without objection.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Phil Jacobson did a presentation on the planned section of the members only web page that is being designed ([Outline](#)). The new messaging structure highlighted the importance of an issue matrix which will be incorporated into the new website. [LPNC Messaging Structure - Google Sheets](#)
- Phil Jacobson was appointed the Stop Torture Now liaison without objection. The LPNC will endorse the NCSTN event that is June 26th. Phil was authorized to post on behalf of the LPNC in regards to NCSTN coordination on Facebook and slack.

WHAT: Vigil for Torture Accountability

WHERE: Johnston Regional Airport, home of Aero Contractors, the CIA's "torture

taxi" airline

WHEN: Monday, June 26, 2023, 4:00 to 6:00 pm

WHY: June 26 is UN International Day in Solidarity with the Victims of Torture. The U.S. has never held itself accountable for its program of systematic kidnapping and torture in the so-called "war on terror." North Carolina has never acknowledged its vital role in providing pilots and planes to kidnap people and haul them to torture chambers. The CIA used Aero Contractors, its proprietary aviation company headquartered at the Johnston County Airport, for at least 49 of these kidnappings. We insist that the state investigate Aero Contractors, which may still be carrying out human rights abuses using public infrastructure.

PLAN: On June 26, 2023, we will join thousands of people across the U.S. and around the world in demanding that the U.S. close Guantanamo and hold itself accountable for the terrible acts of disappearance and torture it has committed. We will rally from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at the corner of Highway 70 and Swift Creek Road, just outside the Johnston County Airport. Then we will proceed with banners along Swift Creek Road to Aero Contractors' gates at the south edge of the airport.

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- Dee Watson proposed a Party Organizational Committee that would try to figure out how to handle tasks that are not being dealt with because they intersect multiple departments. The Chair suggested this would be better dealt with in director's meetings. It was agreed that the Chair would schedule director's meetings that would be open and request the attendance of staff specific to the topics being addressed. The first meeting is anticipated to be in the first week in June.
- Dee Watson went over the job descriptions for County Contacts, County Contact Coordinator, Roaming Treasurers, Roaming Treasurer Coordinator and reviewed the need for these positions. Questions from members were answered.

Dee Watson moved that "The positions of County Contacts, County Contact Coordinator, Roaming Treasurers, Roaming Treasurer Coordinator, Phone Banking be added to the new department Party Organization." Seconded by Christina. The motion passed without objection.

- Daniel Cavedar was appointed as County Contact Coordinator without objection.
- It was decided that all members should have access to read policies.
- [Issue Paper Policy - Google Doc](#) it was decided that a working group would be formed and coordinated by Rob Yates. Dee Watson made the request that the policy include an approval process for position papers, with an EC vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ to approve and majority to remove.
- [Non-Disclosure Agreement Policy - Google Docs](#) Dee Watson made suggestions about modifying this policy to make it clearer that only people who plan on accessing Nation Builder need to sign the NDA. Sean Haugh also wanted revisions.

Both plan on drafting new policies.

- [Policy on Policy Proposals - Google Docs](#) many EC members recommended the removal of this policy. It will likely be removed at the next meeting.
- [Affiliate Team Funds Policy - Google Docs](#) this policy predates the current funding structure and will likely be removed to be inline with the funding of other divisions. Removal of this policy would mean the Affiliate budget is \$7000 for 2 years.
- [Affiliate maintenance and auditing \(WIP\) - Google Docs](#) This policy will likely be rewritten and adopted at a later date. The EC needs better communication with the affiliate team. It was made clear that 5 EC members had reached out to the affiliate coordinator in the past week. Effort is being made to draft an optimal policy, but more work needs to first be done with the affiliate team.
- [Candidate Recruitment & Support Policy.doc - Google Docs](#) was reviewed and no longer aligns with the strategic plan. Dee Watson and Christina Aragues drafted a [replacement](#). Sean Haugh would like to add a section dealing with contested primaries and plans to draft something in the next week.
- [Google Drive Access Policy.doc - Google Docs](#) this policy is out of date, and no longer in step with practice. It will likely be removed at the next EC meeting and then replaced with a policy later.

Other Business:

- Mac Browder answered questions about the affiliate web page. Dee Watson indicated that it was her understanding that the place of record on if a county is affiliated is the affiliate web page and asked for confirmation. Mr Browder stated he did not know, but would find out. Mr. Brown stated that he had the following communications from Ms. Kim Acer:
 - Ryan: "Can you please give me a list of counties or regions that you consider to be affiliated with the LPNC?"
 - Kim: "If they are on the website with an EC, they are currently recognized as an active affiliate."

There is concern that 3 counties were removed from the website since this EC took office and 2 were in the last 2 weeks, without informing the EC.

It was made clear that the affiliate team requested changes to the affiliate web page that resulted in members' personal email addresses being posted on the web page in violation of the NDA. Steven DiFiore responded that the IT team could easily fix this, but confirmed that even though the affiliate team had been notified of the issue on Monday they still had not made a request to address the issue. Dee Watson asked "It's up to the affiliate team to make the request to IT. My question is has that been done? Because they were notified on Monday." Mr. DiFiore responded "Well the buck stops with the Executive Committee. Does it not?" This brought into

question how the affiliate team is updating their page and the chair suggested that they may need a form to fill out rather than simply writing a standard help desk ticket to ensure that they understand what information needs to be communicated.

Mac Browder agreed to find out more information about how the affiliate team is tracking affiliation and disaffiliation as well as updating the website.

Adjournment at 9:31 PM EST.

Submitted by Dee Watson, Secretary