

Libertarian Party of North Carolina

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

17 August 2023

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

Christina Aragues, At large
Nick Taylor, At large

LPNC Guest members:

Phil Jacobson

Call to Order:

Ryan Brown calls the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Chair Report:

“Thank you all for coming. Since our last meeting we have started to work with the Affiliate Team to staff it, define the roles and responsibilities, and started to assign out duties in the team. We’ve also started to review the Affiliate Startup guide.

A special thanks to Dee who has been leading the efforts to staff the team. Mostly from her efforts, **Andrew Johnson, Angela Humphries, Christopher Nance, and Daniel Cavender** have agreed to become Affiliate Coordinators. **Dee Watson** is also joining as an Affiliate Coordinator. Unless there is any objection to these 5 people helping out on the Affiliate Team, I’ll be working with Dee to get everyone onboarded in the next few days. I’ll also be working with the affiliate team to figure out roles and responsibilities.

As for people leaving, Erika Radno resigned as Event’s Coordinator shortly after our last meeting. She determined she had too much going on right now to join on and let us know

she was resigning. We look forward to working with her in the future as she is going to still be involved. “

Previous Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted without objection.

Electronic Voting:

There were no electronic votes since the last meeting.

Officer, Director and Committee Reports:

- Dee Watson gave the Secretary's report which is attached below.
- Mac Browder gave the Outreach report. Justin Hinkley is working on updating the gun show information and has scheduled 3 gun shows in his area. The gun shows will be held in Jacksonville, September 16-17, Greenville, October 21-22, and Jacksonville, December 2-3. Mac is setting up a sign up for the event and is working with Mike to get a data plan for the tablets.
- Angela Humphries gave the Convention Committee report. Since no LPNC members have come forward with a contract, the convention committee chair Zac Lentz has negotiated a contract with the Village Inn for the weekend of February 16th to February 18th. The Ballroom and the Executive Boardroom are both available for Saturday and Sunday for a total cost of \$3125. We would like to sign the contract with the approval of the executive committee.

Old Business:

- Dee Watson discussed if there should be a volunteer report. It was decided that only staff that had been appointed by the chair or appointed by the EC would be included in the volunteer report. Committee membership will be maintained on the website.
- Angela Humphries discussed the possibility of placing an 30-45 day deadline on the invitation to former affiliate team member Kim Acer and current member Steven DiFiore for executive session. On 7/18/23 AH mentioned Executive Session to Kim. 7/30/23 Ryan Brown offered Exec. Session with a scheduled date of 8/3/23. 8/1/23 Kim resigned. 8/15/23 Kim sent AH an email mentioning Exec Session, but never scheduled one. Angela Humphries shared a desire to close the door on these festering issues from the old team that are going unresolved. Some members wanted to end the invitation for exec. session and some wanted to do nothing. No vote was taken.

New Business:

- Mac Browder moved “to appoint Mac Browder to the messaging committee.” Seconded by Sean Haugh. The motion passed without objection.
- Dee Watson discussed the thank you notes that Angela Humphries had written to all staff members who had resigned this term. Members were very happy with her work and expressed their appreciation. It was decided that costs and stamps from the administrative budget could be used in the future.
- Dee Watson moved “that future LPNC EC meeting schedule be changed to the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm” Seconded by Sean Haugh. The motion passed without objection.
- The chair appointed Dee Watson to the credentialing committee for the 2024 LPNC convention. It was decided that the LPNC would post requests for members to join the committee.
- The affiliate team met Monday, August 14, 2023. Ryan Brown discussed changes to the affiliate team. He has appointed 5 new members, is no longer using the strict regional structure, has created a list of roles and responsibilities and the team will work on updating the affiliate start up guide.
- Ryan Brown discussed moving the affiliate team, volunteer coordinator and campus coordinator from the Outreach division to the party organization division. There was no objection from members.

Other Business:

- Dee Watson moved “to have the LPNC Executive Committee enter executive session to discuss 2024 candidates.” Seconded by Sean Haugh. The motion passed without objection. The executive committee moved to executive session at 8:09 PM and then reconvened at 8:18 PM.

Adjournment at 8:19 PM EST.

Submitted by Dee Watson, Secretary

Secretary's Report

Affiliates

There are currently 18 recognized LPNC affiliates on our website. At the start of our term there were 22. The following 4 were removed:

- **Buncombe** County - It is unknown who placed them on the website. The person listed as chair confirmed that they had never had an organizational meeting and never affiliated. They also indicated that the person listed as treasurer had moved out of state. The person listed as treasurer was not reachable and has been removed from the website. The person listed as chair agreed to be a county contact and was placed on the website.
- **Currituck** and **Dare** Counties were part of the OBX affiliate system. They were removed by the affiliate coordinator. The Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer have all been very reachable but indicated that they want to step back. The tourist season is an issue there, and I recommend waiting until the fall to further discuss what relationship they would like with the LPNC.
- **Pitt** County was removed from the website by the affiliate coordinator and the former chair was given the title "County Organizer" and placed on the website. The former chair was not reachable and the email address that was on the website began to bounce. At that point the secretary removed his name from the website.

There are 3 known organizations using the name Libertarian that were not on the LPNC website, and it is not clear if they are affiliates. These will be referred to the LPNC affiliate team via the LPNC chair to determine how they should be handled. It is unclear if they are affiliates and how/if they should be placed on our website. They are:

1. The Cape Fear Libertarian Party
2. The Outerbanks Libertarian Party
3. Triangle Libertarians

Credentialing of County Officers

All county officers have been reviewed for membership in the party. Guilford county currently does not have a secretary. There were 4 officers who were not party members. Three of them were unaffiliated members who now have a recorded NIOF agreement. Two signed electronically. One had signed previously on paper and the county chair had the record, but had never submitted it to the state. There is one county with a treasurer that is a Republican. I have spoken with the county chair and a new treasurer has been approved and taken the NCSBE training, but the accounts have not yet been transferred. I will continue to follow the situation.

I would like to thank Chair Ryan Brown for assisting in verifying National Membership dues.

Affiliate Bylaws

Current bylaws are now on file, and have been reviewed without issue for the following counties: Cleveland, Davison, Durham, Gaston, Harnett, Johnston, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Onslow, Orange, and Wake.

The bylaws for Union county were reviewed, but have the following issues:

- State that secretary is not a required officer
- The membership requirements differ from the state, and there are officers that meet the state membership requirement, but not the local criteria
- Claims jurisdiction in partisan elections
- Treasurer requirement does not match state requirements

My impression is that the county chair does not want feedback.

It has not been confirmed that the bylaws for Forsyth and Pender are current. The LPNC does not have a record of bylaws for the following counties: Brunswick, Cumberland, Guildford, and Rockingham.