

# Libertarian Party of North Carolina

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**07 September 2023**

**In Attendance:**

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

**Absent:**

Mike Ross, Treasurer

**LPNC Guest members:**

Timothy Conard  
James Higgins  
Rob Yates

**Call to Order:**

Ryan Brown calls the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

**Chair Report:**

*Thank you all for attending. As a reminder we're in the midst of the 2023 election season and we have multiple candidates running. If you are able, please reach out to the candidates and ask them how you can help.*

*Also, we are under contract for the 2024 LPNC convention and the website is being built out. Finer discussion is still underway and we will discuss that later.*

*Finally, we have the state fair coming up next month. A reminder will be sent in the newsletter Tuesday along with messages in the Facebook group and Slack channels.*

**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:**

- Timothy Conard spoke about transitioning from Slack to Mattermost. The Executive Committee reiterated Timothy Conard has complete discretion in the migration.
- Dee Watson gave the Secretary's Report. It is attached below.
- Dee Watson gave the Volunteer Report. It is attached below.
- Rob Yates gave the [Communications Director Report](#).
- Ryan Brown gave the Convention Report. The website is close to ready, but the pricing has not been determined. Several aspects of pricing were discussed, including if there should be 3 price deadlines, and if the Gala tickets should be increased. It was decided that the decision should be made by the Convention Committee with the EC given a chance to comment. The availability of online access, and if the convention would be live streamed was also discussed. The decisions were deferred back to the convention committee.

**Old Business:**

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**New Business:**

- Ryan Brown appointed Susan Hogarth and James Higgins to the 2024 credentialing committee.
- Dee Watson discussed purchasing materials for the State Fair. There will be a meeting Sunday to discuss purchasing materials and fair organization. The tentative list of items to be purchased are: a prize wheel, pens, car magnets and buttons. It is unlikely that new tabling literature will be available at that time, but Mac Browder would look into working on it. There is also a possibility that a T-shirt would be made available for sale. Mac will confirm with Noah to see if there will be progress on a T-Shirt design.

**Other Business:**

- Ryan Brown informed the EC that the 2023 Cape Fear Libertarian Party FireFest would be a hangout and bonfire held Friday October 7, 2023. Mac Browder stated "They have requested a \$500 sponsorship from the LPNC for that event. I was just going to do it all out of the event's budget, but given the expenditure that the state fair stuff is going to be, I was wondering if we might pull that out of the affiliates budget, or maybe split it between the two." Dee Watson brought up that Angela Humphries had requested and was declined \$300 to table at the New Bern MumFest because the expenditure was considered excessive. Angela stated "My

event would have been a public event, a 3 day well traveled street fair, that is why I saw potential there.” Ryan, Mac and Dee all attended the Cape Fear Event last year and agreed that it is not an Outreach event, but entirely a social event. Mac believed the money would be used to secure the room and food and said that he would clarify. Mac stated “I didn’t think it would be as big of a deal as it is, cause we funded it last year. I was still waiting for Mike to get back to me on the budget numbers, so I didn’t put it in the agenda, and that’s on me. Justin Hinkley came to me like a week ago about this, I should have put it on the agenda.” Dee Watson stated that there is a need to use the affiliate funds on materials so they can table. The previous Executive Committee allocated \$300 the [previous year](#). The current Executive Committee neither had enough information to support last year's expenditure , nor an increase of \$200 at this time. Mac said that he would discuss funding with the Cape Fear Libertarian Party.

Adjournment at 8:18 PM EST.

Submitted by Dee Watson, Secretary

## **September 7, 2023 Secretary Report**

### **Website**

The committees page of the website is now up to date. The members of the credentialing committee that are expected to be placed have been added to the website in anticipation of placement. Kim Acer was also removed from the convention committee after her resignation today.

The affiliates page has been updated. The treasurer in Davidson County has now been updated. A new chair has been appointed in Onslow county. I have a meeting with him tomorrow to discuss how he wants forwarders handled and familiarize him with the organization.

### **Affiliates**

There are currently 18 recognized LPNC affiliates on our website. Davidson and Guilford County have up to date information on the website, but the accounts need to be transferred to the current treasurer.

The Chair of Onslow County has changed and the secretary has been removed. There are several counties that do not have a secretary.

### **Affiliate Bylaws**

There have been no changes since the last report on affiliate bylaws. This is the current status:

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.

## Volunteer Report from March Convention until June 30, 2023

Department	March 2023 Convention	June 30, 2023
Party Org	0	8
P&P	6	10
Outreach	15	16
Communications	5	6
Finance	1	1
IT	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Unique People</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>

The following people resigned during this time period:

Political Data Analyst - Peter Antley  
Regional Affiliate Coordinator - Dee Watson  
IT Director - Bryce Acer  
IT Coordinator - Chris Cash

The following people were added to LPNC Staff positions in this time period:

Available Treasurer - Timothy Conard  
County Contact Coordinator - Daniel Cavender  
County Contact (Caswell) - William I. Wells  
County Contact (Craven) - Angela Humphries  
County Contact (Duplin) - Stephen Sumner  
County Contact (Franklin) - Moises Ortiz  
County Contact (Moore) - Christopher Nance  
County Contact (Pitt) - Rod Cauthen  
Legislation Group - Phil Jacobson  
Legislation Group - Angela Humphries  
Legislation Group - Sean Haugh  
Legislation Group - Dee Watson  
Affiliate Facebook Manager - Matthew Clements  
Strategic Communication Advisor - Joshua Glawson  
IT Director - Timothy Conard  
IT Coordinator - James Higgins  
Outreach Director - Mac Browder