

Minutes of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maryland — Saturday, 5 April 2014

Opening: The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met at *Squires Restaurant* in Dundalk, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

Attendance: the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser, Mark Grannis; and Tony Spezio. It validated that 21 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. No proxies were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 34 members.

Minutes: The minutes of the 27 July 2013, 9 November 2013, and 29 March 2014 Central Committee meetings were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report: question about portion of pledge money to go to BLP; will need to do an accounting. Report accepted subject to correction of the double period shown in General Account balance.

New website: Mark Grannis described the new LPmaryland.org website. We have 578 likes on Facebook.

Chair's Report: The MdLP joined the *Marijuana Policy Coalition of Maryland* (MarijuanaPolicyinMd.org) group. The SB1032 ballot access bill in the General Assembly to lower the 1% threshold to 10,000 registered voters for state recognition is dead this year, but will continue with renewed effort next year. Bob Johnston reports that we have 83 members; we have 13,549 registered voters as of 3/31/2014.

Program Committee's report: the Program Committee made 13 recommendations (see attachment). Votes: 1-4, 7-11, 13=passes unanimously on a voice vote; 5=passes on a voice vote; 6=passes 11 to 8; 12=passes 9 to 7.

Candidate Nominations: Leo Dymowski for Attorney General; issues are Drug War and 2nd amendment; approved on a voice vote. Leo Martin for Garret County Commissioner district 1; approved on a voice vote.

Delegates to the National Convention: Arvin Vohra, Colleen Quinn, Shawn Quinn, James Harris, Scott Spencer, Michael Linder, Eric Blitz, Mark Grannis, Stuart Simms, Dave Sgambolone, Janice Dymowski, and Leo Dymowski were nominated and approved as delegates. The Secretary is directed to fill out the delegate and alternate lists with remaining Central Committee members. We are allotted 21 delegates plus 50 alternates.

Officer Elections: the following were nominated as officers: Robert S. Johnston III, Mark Grannis, Michael Linder, Robert Glaser, Eric Blitz, Stuart Simms, Tim Sutton. As there were no more than seven nominations and there were no objections, the nominations were voted upon as a slate; a unanimous voice vote approved the slate.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments: Robert Glaser and Eric Blitz proposed:

1. Article V, Section 6, sub-paragraph C:

Was: Notice of meetings shall set forth the time and place of the meeting and shall be mailed to members of the State Central Committee at least ten days prior to the meeting, addressed to the residence of each member.

Proposed: Notice of meetings shall set forth the time and place of the meeting and shall be mailed or emailed to members of the State Central Committee at least ten days prior to the meeting, addressed to the postal address or email address of each member on file.

Vote: passes on a voice vote

2. Article V, Section 4, sub-paragraph D:

Was: Vacancies: Vacancies on the Executive Board caused by death, resignation, or any other reason, may be filled by the State Central Committee at the next meeting following the occurrence of the vacancy, or at a meeting called for that purpose. After the vacancy has been filled, the Executive Board may, at its discretion, reassign the offices among themselves. Prior to the next State Central Committee meeting, the Chairman will appoint a new member to the Executive Board to fill any vacancy. The specific appointment is subject to a positive vote of all the Executive Board.

Proposed: Vacancies: Vacancies on the Executive Board caused by death, resignation, or any other reason, shall be temporarily filled by the appointment of a replacement by the Chairman (or Vice-Chairman if the vacancy involves the Chair), which shall be made within 30 days of the vacancy. The appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the Executive Board at its next regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The temporary appointment shall end at the next regular meeting

of the Central Committee, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, wherein the Central Committee shall elect a replacement member who shall serve the balance of the term.

Vote: passes on a voice vote

3. Article V, Section 5, sub-paragraph F:

Was: Duties of the Executive Board: The Executive Board shall oversee and act in respect to all matters pertaining to the Party. The business of the State Central Committee between meetings shall be conducted by the Executive Board. A majority of the total number of votes authorized to be cast by the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum. All questions coming before the Executive Board shall be decided by a majority vote of those present and voting. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held regularly and minutes of the meetings shall be made available as may be required by law. The Secretary shall send written notice of the time and place of the Executive Board meeting at least one week in advance (seventy-two hours for emergency meetings.) Any action of the Executive Board may be overruled by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the State Central Committee. No proxies will be counted in Executive Board meetings.

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Dean Ahmad proposed this addition to the proposed amendment: “Any member of the Central Committee can notify the Secretary to be notified of such meetings.” Vote on the amendment to the proposed amendment: fails on a voice vote.

Vote: passes unanimously on a voice vote

The Investigating Committee for the three proposed amendments is Bob Johnston, Robert Glaser, Dean Ahmad, James Harris, and Eric Blitz.

Announcements: Michael Linder notes that we need to ask for employer info and advises members not to get upset over the request. Eric Blitz is looking for a replacement for a Md director of issue advocacy for *Our America Initiative*. Bill Buzzell requests volunteers for a 4/26 9-10am Adopt-a-Highway outing; plans for us to participate in the July 4 Dundalk parade. Robert Glaser has license plate applications on hand and MdLP caps for sale.

Adjournment: the Central Committee thanks Bob Johnston for arranging the convention; the meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

--Robert E. Glaser

Minutes of the Investigating Committee on proposed Constitutional Amendments

The Investigating Committee of Bob Johnston, Robert Glaser, Dean Ahmad, James Harris, and Eric Blitz met at *Squires Restaurant* in Dundalk, Maryland on April 5, 2014 at 9:30 pm.

Proposal 1: a minority wanted an opt-in requirement but the committee majority was in favor.

Proposal 2: all in favor.

Proposal 3: one member has a reservation about the absence of a clause permitting Central Committee members to request notification but the committee majority was in favor.

The Committee adjourned at 9:40 pm.

--Robert E. Glaser