

## Minutes of the Initial Governing Body of the Libertarian Party of Maryland – Saturday, 13 August 2011

The Initial Governing Body of the Libertarian Party of Maryland met on the grounds of Dave Sten's home in North East, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 3:54 pm by chairman Bob Johnston. Of the 25 members, 15 were present plus 8 proxies were presented. Robert S. Johnston III, Muir Boda, Robert E. Glaser, Michael Linder, Lorenzo Gaztañaga, Mark Grannis, and Arvin Vohra were nominated as officers; all were subsequently elected by a voice vote. The Libertarian Party of Maryland's Constitution as submitted to the Board of Elections (revision date 11 August 2007) was approved by a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm.

## Minutes of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maryland – Saturday, 13 August 2011

**Opening:** The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met on the rainy grounds of Dave Sten's home in North East, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 3:57 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

**Attendance:** the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Arvin Vohra; and Doug McNeil. It validated that 13 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. No proxies were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 32 members.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the 12 March 2011 Central Committee meeting were accepted as submitted.

**Treasurer's report:** The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted by Michael Linder.

**Chair's Report:** Bob Johnston reports that we have 89 members as of 7/31/11; 9,343 registered voters as of June 30. Ballot Access: AA court ruled in our favor 6/21, and had us put back on the ballot. The BoE filed an appeal; Mark Grannis is trying to get a "prospective relief" ruling, where the court will instruct the BoE on what to do in the future, while maintaining the lower court's ruling; the case won't be heard for several months. The important thing is we have retained all of our registrations and are strengthening our status as Md.'s *numerical* third party. We are running four candidates for Balto. City Council (Lorenzo Gaztañaga/President, Doug McNeil/11, Scott Spencer/12, Ronald M. Owens-Bey/13). For the Nov. elections congressional maps should be ready before Thanksgiving; will call a CC meeting to nominate candidates to federal office – have commitments for four House and one Senate race now.

**Constitutional Amendment:** Append to Article VII Section 1: At the time of filing, and continuously through the date of the corresponding General Election, all candidates of the Maryland Libertarian Party to public office must be registered Libertarian as defined in the qualification for Central Committee membership stated in Article IV, Section 2. Should any candidate fail to meet this qualification after nomination and if the state has already been notified of that nomination, the Chairman and Secretary are directed to notify the State Board of Elections that the Party's nomination is rescinded.

Append to Article VII Section 2: Should the Local Central Committee of the corresponding jurisdiction not exist, or not be recognized by the appropriate County or State Board of Election, or the jurisdiction crosses the boundary of more than one such Local Central Committee, or the duly authorized Chairman of an empowered recognized Local Central Committee so request, the State Central Committee may nominate such candidates in the same manner as described in Section 3 of this Article.

The Investigating Committee of Bob Johnston, Dean Ahmad, Stuart Simms, Robert Glaser, and Mike Calpino unanimously recommends passage on the grounds that the first part strengthens and clarifies our procedures, and the second part formalizes the procedure we have been following and which should have been in the constitution all along. The amendment PASSES on a voice vote.

**MdLP Pens:** Bill Buzzell suggested we purchase customized pens for fair give-aways, as they will be kept and not immediately tossed. The CC authorized \$250 to have 500 pens manufactured.

**Announcements:** Susan Gaztañaga asked for booth help at upcoming events: Chesapeake Pride Festival, Essex Day, Fells Point, and Reisterstown. Robert Glaser has forms with him for MdLP license plates, and MdLP caps for sale.

**Adjournment:** the Central Committee meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

–Robert E. Glaser