

Minutes of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maryland — Saturday, 14 March 2015

Opening: The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met at *Squire's Restaurant* in Dundalk, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

Attendance: the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser, Mark Grannis, and Tony Spezio. It validated that 19 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. One proxy was represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 29 members.

Minutes: The minutes of the 26 April 2014 Central Committee meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report: was accepted as submitted

Chair's Report: Bob Johnston reports that we have 72 members; we have 15,324 registered voters as of 2/28/2015. We are the only party that has been growing in the last two years. July 1st is the filing deadline for 2016 candidates, has some potential candidates now. The National Convention is the last week in May 2016, we will have about 21 delegates. The candidates present who ran in 2015 spoke briefly: Shawn Quinn, Leo Dymowski Scott Soffen.

Vice-Chair's Report: Eric Blitz reports that we are working with Delegate David Moon on a ballot access bill to change the current 1% registration requirement to 10,000. We don't know whether it will get out of committee this year, but are cautiously optimistic. We are collaborating with other groups on marijuana bills: legalization, decriminalization fix bill, expungement.

Jim Lark, LNC Rep: commends our progress; we are seeing a membership drop nationally and statewide even though we had many fine candidates; is concerned, though might not be a significant problem. In 2015 trying to ramp up outreach efforts. Doesn't know of any new presidential candidates for 2016.

Program Committee's report: the Program Committee recommended no changes to the State Program.

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:

1. (Proposed by Robert Glaser) Article V, Section 7, sub-paragraph A3:

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

Proposed: ... Notice of this meeting shall state 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 unanimously on a voice vote

2. Eric Blitz proposed an amendment to Article VI regarding Local Central Committee formation; requires extensive discussion, withdrawn for future submission.

The Investigating Committee for the proposed amendment is Bob Johnston, Robert Glaser, Shawn Quinn, Dave Sten, Jack Jones.

Dave Sten: is working on a research project to determine the effectiveness of registration drives; will be using mailers and facebook advertisements against a precinct not targeted to determine a dollar value per registration. The project is to be complete by end of April, so will start within two weeks.

Announcements: Eric Blitz asks for emails of those interested in debating the proposed local affiliate amendment; OAI is looking for volunteers to take over Maryland. 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 5:04 pm.

--Robert E. Glaser

Minutes of the Investigating Committee on proposed Constitutional Amendment

The Investigating Committee of Bob Johnston, Robert Glaser, Shawn Quinn, Dave Sten, and Jack Jones met at *Squire's Restaurant* in Dundalk, Maryland on April 5, 2014 at 5:13 pm.

Proposal 1: there was no objection.

The Committee adjourned at 5:15 pm.

--Robert E. Glaser