

Opening: The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met at the home of Stuart Simms in Laurel, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 12:09 pm by Chairman Bob Johnston.

Attendance: the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Mark Grannis; and Tony Spezio. It validated that 12 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. No proxies were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 30 members.

Minutes: The minutes of the 8 August and 5 December 2015 Central Committee meetings were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report: all presented bills have been paid; the state report is ready to be submitted on 1/13.

Chairman's Report: Bob Johnston reports that membership is at 68, and we have 16,843 registrations – almost the halfway point. Feb. 3 is the filing deadline for Declaration of Intent. The convention is March 12, 1-9 pm.

Vice-Chairman's Report: Eric Blitz informs that Wed. Jan.13 the General Assembly convenes. We have six bills to testify on, including: body cameras; MJ legalize, tax, and regulate; and SWAT team bill; will post on website shortly.

Nominations for public office:

Doug McNeil, Baltimore City Mayor: will lock up the criminals. Approved on unanimous voice vote.

Jon Bombach, Baltimore City Comptroller: will conduct audit. Approved on unanimous voice vote.

Susan Gaztañaga, Baltimore City Council President. Approved on unanimous voice vote.

Jasen Wunder, U.S. House District 8: gun rights, privacy rights, taxation. Approved on unanimous voice vote.

Kristin Kasprzak, U.S. House District 2. Approved on unanimous voice vote.

Jack Jones, U.S. House District 5. Approved on unanimous voice vote.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments:

1. Replace all instances of “Chair”, “chair”, “chairman” with “Chairman”: found in sections V4D, V5A, V5B, V7A3. Vote: passes on a voice vote.
2. Direct election of Chairman. Vote: passes unanimously on a voice vote.
3. Local CC's. Vote: 5 for, 5 against, 2 abstentions; fails.

Expenditure: (Eric Blitz): \$150 for a piggyback poll question on MJ approved.

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 2:31 pm.

--Robert E. Glaser