

Minutes of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maryland — Saturday, 30 July 2016

Opening: The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met on the grounds of Dave Sten's home in North East, Maryland. The Treasurer's report, agenda, and proposed Constitutional amendment were distributed. The meeting was called to order at 4:59 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

Attendance: the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Stuart Simms; and Tony Spezio. It validated that 19 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. No proxies were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 42 members.

Minutes: The minutes of the 12 March and 29 June 2016 Central Committee meetings were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report: was approved as submitted by Michael Linder.

Chair's Report: Bob Johnston thanked Dave and René for hosting the picnic; he reports that we have 121 members including a total of \$245/month pledgers; we have 16,621 registered voters as of 6/30/2016 and need 1% in the presidential race to maintain ballot access. The state extended the candidate filing deadline to August 1. We will have 7/8 House, the Senate seat, and Baltimore City candidates. It is not too early to think about the 2018 election; the Republicans usually cannot fill as many as 10 seats in the state legislature which gives us a two-party competition. Volunteers for helping the Johnson/Weld campaign should contact Bob – the election is in 100 days.

Vice-Chair's Report: Eric Blitz is organizing counties as an ad-hoc committee of the state; leaders of each group will be a member of that committee. We have leaders in six counties so far and want to use the excitement of the election to bring in new people. Young Libertarians of Maryland is still operating.

James Lark, LNC regional rep: Dr. Lark is modeling his Liberalstene t-shirt from Norway. He thanks Scott Spencer for serving as an alternate for two terms, and Arvin Vohra who continues as the National Vice-Chair. The LNC had a meeting about two weeks ago; money is coming in faster now. The Johnson/Weld campaign has gotten lots of earned media for us. Took questions.

Candidates: Arvin Vohra, Matt Beers, and David Howser provided updates on their campaigns.

Presidential Electors: The following 10 were nominated as Presidential Electors committed to Gary Johnson: Eric Blitz, Dean Ahmad, Robert Glaser, Chelsey Snyder, Stuart Simms, Shawn Quinn, Robert Johnston III, Matthew Beers, Ron Kean, and Ben Krause; approved on a voice vote without dissent.

Nominations for Public Office: Ben Krause was nominated for U.S. House, 4th district; approved by voice vote without dissent. Leo Dymowski was nominated for Baltimore County Circuit Court Judge; approved by voice vote without dissent.

New Proposal for Constitutional Amendment:

The following proposal (Robert Glaser) passes on a voice vote:

Replace section V4B with the following:

B. Election of the Chairman and Executive Board: At the regular spring meeting of the State Central Committee, a separate vote shall be held for the Chairman and the remaining members of the Executive Board. The vote for the Chairman shall be held first. Nominations for Chairman and Executive Board membership can be made by any Central Committee member, including the person seeking the office. The Chairman and members of the Executive Board shall be elected to one year terms. Votes shall be cast by the Transferable Ballot Method of Proportional Representation as shall be described in the bylaws. The Executive Board shall take office simultaneously and immediately at the conclusion of the Central Committee meeting, and assign offices among themselves as required by Section 4-A of Article V. If the period of nomination for Executive Board members has closed, and the number of candidates is equal to or lesser than the number of vacancies, all candidates may be elected as a slate by majority vote, with two-thirds approval of the assembly.

The Investigating Committee for this proposal is Chelsey Snyder, Bob Johnston, Stuart Simms, Dean Ahmad, and Robert Glaser.

Announcements: Leo Dymowski advised that he is getting a *Libertarian* kidney donated by Dave Sten next week. Eric Blitz notes that there will be a training session on legislative advocacy on August 31. Robert Glaser has license plate applications and extra newsletters on hand, and MdLP caps for sale. Dave Sten thanks his neighbors Damon and Laura Brown for assistance setting up the picnic.

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

--Robert E. Glaser