

## Minutes of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maryland — Saturday, 18 July 2020

**Opening:** The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met on the grounds of Dave Sten's home in North East, Maryland. The Agenda and Treasurer's report were distributed. The meeting was called to order at 4:44 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

**Attendance:** the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Stuart Simms; and Dean Ahmad. It validated that 29 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. No proxies were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 54 members.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the 15 March 2020 Central Committee meeting were accepted as submitted.

**Chair's Report:** Bob Johnston thanked Dave and René for hosting the picnic; he reports that we have 123 members and 13,900 registrations. We settled a lawsuit against the BoE to accept 5,000 petition signatures by Aug. 3; we have 4,700 on hand, need about another 1,800. We have 8 U.S. House seats and some Balto. City and Cecil county offices up for election. Has formed a PAC and are \$200 away from the maximum \$2800; more received immediately.

**Susan Hogarth, incoming LNC regional rep:** traveled from NC, discussed the Orlando convention.

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

**Dan Fishman (LP Director):** entreats us to email 10 friends to sign our petition. We now have over 20,000 national members. Promotes National lifetime membership, presented David Lasher with a lifetime pin; David Lasher, Jim Lark, and Dan Fishman donated funds to make Bob Johnston a lifetime member also.

### **Constitutional Amendment**

Append the following sentence to V6B: "A written petition of twenty percent or more of the members of the State Central Committee may call a meeting of the State Central Committee for a specific stated purpose." This was approved at the last CC meeting and this vote is up or down for final adoption. The Investigating Committee reports: We support proposed amendment provided it be amended to read: "A written petition of twenty percent or more of the members of the State Central Committee as of the close of the previous Central Committee meeting may call a meeting of the State Central Committee for a specific stated purpose." Reason: The added phrase will avoid disagreements over the number of signatures needed or the eligibility of signers in a prudent manner. Approved on a voice vote.

**Presidential Electors:** The following 10 were nominated as Presidential Electors committed to Jo Jorgensen: Eric Blitz, Doug Stanley, Kyle Wagner, Muir Boda, Dean Ahmad, Brian Krahlung, Chris Gannon, Robert Glaser, Phil Dassing, and Paul Eads; approved on a voice vote without dissent.

### **Proposed Constitutional Amendment**

In V6B, replace : "A written petition of twenty percent or more of the members of the State Central Committee may call a meeting of the State Central Committee for a specific stated purpose." with "A written petition of twenty percent or more of the members of the State Central Committee as of the close of the previous Central Committee meeting may call a meeting of the State Central Committee for a specific stated purpose." Approved unanimously on a voice vote. The Investigating Committee is Bob Johnston, Dean Ahmad, Eric Blitz, David Dull, and Brian Krahlung.

**Chris Gannon presented two alienated parents resolutions:** #1 The Maryland Libertarian Party condemns inappropriate governmental interference in parental custody including but not limited to incentivizing unreasonable child support orders via Title IV-D funding and parental alienation without due process. #2 Libertarians stand with wrongfully alienated parents advocating for their inalienable right to equal shared parenting. Both passed unanimously on a voice vote.

**David Dull on Orlando Convention:** There was discord and division at the beginning, but solidarity at the end; Alex Merced respected all. There were 11 MdLP delegates present in Orlando. Presented Dean Ahmad with a retired *Maryland* stanchion from the national convention.

**Nominations for Public Office:** Leo Dymowski for Circuit Court judge in Baltimore county; approved on a voice vote.

**Phil Dassing:** expresses thanks for help in Orlando.

**James Lark, outgoing LNC regional rep:** Dr. Lark was disgusted at ugliness he viewed from Orlando; we need the highest standards of intellectual honesty, sees dishonesty on social media; we must treat people right, with respect. Our liberties are vanishing at a great rate, we can't afford to let silly things come between us. Bob Johnston nominates James Lark for lifetime MdLP membership; approved.

**Announcements:** Robert Glaser has license plate applications and extra newsletters on hand, and MdLP caps for sale. Kyle O'Donnell offers Jorgensen signs and more.

**Adjournment:** the meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

--Robert E. Glaser

**Report of the Investigating Committee on the proposed amendment to V6B of the Maryland LP Constitution proposed July 18, 2020**

The Investigating Committee consisting of Bob Johnston, Dean Ahmad, Eric Blitz, David Dull, and Brian Krahling met at 11 a.m. on January 16, 2021 by ZOOM. The meeting was called to order by Bob Johnston. Dean Ahmad volunteered to serve as Committee secretary. There was no objection.

Johnston asked for comment on the amendment that we replace “A written petition of twenty percent or more of the members of the State Central Committee may call a meeting of the State Central Committee for a specific stated purpose” be amended by adding with “A written petition of twenty percent or more of the members of the State Central Committee as of the close of the previous Central Committee meeting may call a meeting of the State Central Committee for a specific stated purpose.”

Dean Ahmad moved that the committee recommend passage on the grounds that the change is a non-controversial technical correction. The motion was approved unanimously, and the secretary of the party is instructed to include this report in the state party newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,

--I. Dean Ahmad, Investigating Committee Secretary