

The chair of the state committee of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts convened the meeting at 1:33 p.m. on September 23rd, 2007. present were George Phillies, Arthur Torrey, Mary-Anne Wolf, David Roscoe, and Walter Ziobro, which was enough for a quorum.

Arthur Torrey moved to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Dave seconded the motion, and it passed with 4 votes in favor and none opposed.

George discussed how we need to make the tables in the minutes look prettier.

The state convention was discussed.

Present at the convention will be George Phillies, Michael Jingoian, and Barry Hess. Steve Kubby asked to interact with the convention by internet, but our site lacks a live internet connection. Thus, as a back-up, Steve Kubby will send a surrogate to speak on his behalf.

Wayne Allen Root wishes us to play his DVD. Arthur Torrey will post our need for equipment to play it with, on the forum.

George has called Ed Thompson, who says that he is not a candidate for president and is currently supporting someone else. If that person withdraws, he will be supporting yet another candidate.

George contacted the Libertarian party member in Pittsfield who wanted to form a local group there, and this person never answered.

We have further information about using meetup to facilitate local groups. For the single monthly fee, meetup allows us to have three such groups. It was suggested that there be a group for Worcester and points west, route 495, and the eastern Coast of Massachusetts.

Walter Ziobro will refer Jeff Case to David Roscoe,

With respect to our party finding a U.S. Senate candidate, George called Steve Epstein, who declined. Walter called Kamal Jain, who said that he is very busy and disinclined to run.

It was clear that we would not be asking the Senate candidate to raise money. Also discussed as candidates were Walter Ziobro, Rich Aucoin, and Carla Howell. Arthur will ask Carla, and possibly also ask about Rich. With respect to ballot access, we would share petitioners.

George has sent the text of a letter which Arthur will be sending to all newspapers, saying that we are looking for candidates. A solution suggested to the difficulty which Arthur has had in creating a mailing-list long enough to include all of the names without encountering length limitations was that Arthur send the emails to newspapers individually.

Robert Underwood joined the meeting.

The constitutional amendments to be discussed at the State Convention were discussed. There were two such amendments, one submitted by George Phillies and one submitted by Arthur Torrey. They

are almost identical.

This is the amendment submitted by George:

To amend the Party Constitution, by replacing

4. The convention shall have the authority to adopt a platform. The Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party shall be included as a part of such platform, and shall not be amended except by a vote of seven-eighths of the delegates present. The platform, other than the Statement of Principles, shall be the most recently adopted platform of the national Libertarian Party, provided that, any plank of such platform, excluding the Statement of Principles, may be deleted in its entirety by a simple majority of the delegates present. The substitution of a new plank for an old plank, or the addition of a new plank, shall require approval by a vote of at least two thirds of the delegates present.

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4. The convention shall have the authority to adopt a platform. The Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party as it existed on January 1, 2008 is the opening statement of that platform. An affirmative vote of seven-eighths of the delegates present is required to replace or amend the Statement of Principles. The remainder of the Platform other than the Statement of Principles is determined by vote of the State Convention, a majority vote of delegates present being required to adopt, add, amend, or delete statements from the remainder of the Party Platform.

Arthur moved and Mary-Anne seconded that the state committee approve bringing this amendment to a vote at the convention. This passed with 3 in favor, 1 opposing, and 1 abstention.

The constitutional amendment from Arthur Torrey is identical to the one submitted by George except that Arthur replaces

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An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the delegates present is required to replace or amend the Statement of Principles.

The Chair ruled that discussion of the process of voting for these related amendments was not germane to these motions. Mary-Anne appealed this decision. Walter seconded that appeal, and the Chair was overruled 3 votes in favor, one opposed, and one abstaining.

The state committee approved bringing this second amendment to a vote at the convention. This passed with 3 in favor, 1 opposing, and 1 abstention.

With respect to the debate between Libertarian Presidential Candidates, the following was decided:

Each candidate would make an opening statement and a closing statement. The order of candidates

would be reversed between the opening and closing. George volunteered to be the middle candidate in that order.

The idea of stating questions out loud with a 60 second time limit was moved. This would involve people raising their hands and asking questions in the order they were recognized. The motion failed with 2 votes in favor and 3 opposed.

Walter moved and Arthur seconded that questions would be submitted in writing. This passed with 4 in favor and none opposed.

It was proposed that the debate start at 1 p.m. with Walter Ziobro as the moderator and Arthur Torrey as the time keeper. Arthur said that he would try to get Jeff Jacoby or Garth (radio personality) instead, but that Walter would be moderator if that did not succeed.

The surrogates for candidates would be allowed to speak for the same amount of time as the opening and closing statements. This was approved 3 votes in favor and 2 abstentions.

George will ask Wayne Root whether we should play the beginning of what he already sent or whether Wayne would prefer to send something else, given the time limit.

Arthur will try to figure out how to play Wayne Root's DVD.

With respect to fund raising for ballot access in 2008, we have \$5000 in matching funds: \$1000 from Bill Hees, \$2000 from the campaign of George Phillies, and \$2000 from Steve Drobnis. This money will go into our FEC account.

Carol will call Chris Crawford to see what Chris might be willing to donate.

George spoke with Kristen Green, an attorney at the office of William Francis Galvin, the Massachusetts Secretary of State, and she said that she would research if we can do a substitution for the presidential candidate. George also asked if the state committee can get a list of registered voters in Massachusetts, and was told that this would need to be researched.

The party website was discussed.

Arthur will distribute the website passwords to members of the state committee after the convention.

George will ask Carol to change the URLs to ones which we know the passwords to.

Muni Savyon still owns the lpma.org URL. We should send a registered letter asking Muni for it. George will draft the letter and Arthur will sign and send it. A motion authorizing the letter to be sent passed with 6 votes in favor and none opposed.

Dave gave the Membership Secretary's report.
LPMA/LPUS database summary for 08/26/2007 (from previous report)

Libertarian Oath
total
signed not signed both

Subscribers

LPUS/UMP, in MA: 0 0 0
LPMA only, in MA: 106 6 112
UMP EXTENDED in MA: 0 0 0

Subtotal: 106 6 112 *

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Subscribers, LPMA
only, outside MA: 5 3 8 *

Other MA contacts.
last contact age

0 to 6 months: 28 56 84
6 to 12 months: 4 277 281
12 to 24 months: 57 363 420
24 months and up: 1400 12702 14102

Subtotal: 1489 13398 14887 *

Total: 1602 13408 15010 *

Basic members: 1489

Other items:

I began recording subscription/dues payments and separate donations in the database.

Walter reported that Carol has set up a new credit card system, but has not shut down the old one yet. There was discussion of what period of time was appropriate for the treasurer's report at the state convention. It was decided to use both calendar year 2006 and the year 2007 to date.

Walter distributed the following reports:

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Paid	Amount	Balance
113	FED CHECKING-		CITIZENS				3,807.93	
Check	02/04/2007	1025	AT&T	510 Telecommunicati...		-25.24	3,782.69	
Check	02/04/2007	1026	LINX COMMUNICATIONS	510 Telecommunicati...		-24.95	3,757.74	
Check	02/04/2007	1027	HEES, WILLIAM P	510 Telecommunicati...		-166.80	3,590.94	
Check	02/04/2007	1028	MR D. ENTERPRISES, IN...	512-55 Newsletter Ma...		-372.37	3,218.57	
Check	02/05/2007	1029	ROSCOE, DAVID	580 Supplies		-134.65	3,083.92	
Check	04/16/2007	1030	MR D. ENTERPRISES, IN...	512-55 Newsletter Ma...		-90.00	2,993.92	
Check	04/16/2007	1031	LINX COMMUNICATIONS	510 Telecommunicati...		-50.69	2,943.23	
Check	04/16/2007	1032	AT&T	510 Telecommunicati...		-51.83	2,891.40	
Check	04/16/2007	1033	MR D. ENTERPRISES, IN...	512-55 Newsletter Ma...		-390.49	2,500.91	
Check	04/16/2007	1034	MR D. ENTERPRISES, IN...	512-55 Newsletter Ma...		-584.04	1,916.87	
Check	05/13/2007	1036	CASSWOOD INSURANC...	Insurance for... 586 - Outreach - Event -		100.00	1,816.87	
Check	05/13/2007	1037	BOSTON PRIDE COMMI...	Event Partici... 586 - Outreach - Event -		400.00	1,416.87	
Check	05/22/2007	1039	DROBNIS, STEVEN B	512-55 Newsletter Ma...		-150.00	1,266.87	
Check	06/04/2007	1040	MR D. ENTERPRISES, IN...	512-55 Newsletter Ma...		-961.84	305.03	
Check	06/04/2007	1041	AT&T	510 Telecommunicati...		-61.04	243.99	
Deposit	06/07/2007	Deposit	410-25 Memberships			430.00	673.99	
Check	06/22/2007	1042	MR D. ENTERPRISES, IN...	512-55 Newsletter Ma...		-521.80	152.19	
Deposit	07/26/2007	Deposit	410-25 Memberships			430.00	582.19	
Check	07/30/2007	1780	LPMA Transfer Fun...	112 Cash, Federal ch...		8,000.00	8,582.19	
Check	08/01/2007	dm070801a	CITIZENS BANK	534 Legal, Accounting...		-2.00	8,580.19	
Check	08/03/2007	dm070803a	CITIZENS BANK	534 Legal, Accounting...		-2.00	8,578.19	
Check	08/06/2007	1043	LINX COMMUNICATIONS	510 Telecommunicati...		-76.87	8,501.32	
Check	08/06/2007	1044	MR D. ENTERPRISES, IN...	512-55 Newsletter Ma...		-357.08	8,144.24	
Deposit	08/21/2007	Deposit	410-25 Memberships			440.00	8,584.24	
Check	08/21/2007	1045	MR D. ENTERPRISES, IN...	512-55 Newsletter Ma...		-358.25	8,225.99	
Check	08/21/2007	1046	AT&T	510 Telecommunicati...		-72.73	8,153.26	
Total	113 FED CHECKING-		CITIZENS			4,345.33	8,153.26	
TOTAL						4,345.33	8,153.26	
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Cash Basis As of August 31, 2007

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Paid	Amount	Balance
112			Cash, Federal checking				9,195.33	
Check	01/03/2007	dm070103a	AMERICAN EXPRESS	535 Credit Card ...		-5.00	9,190.33	
Check	02/02/2007	dm070202a	NORTH SHORE BANK	535 Credit Card ...		-25.00	9,165.33	
Check	02/05/2007	dm070205a	AMERICAN EXPRESS	535 Credit Card ...		-5.95	9,159.38	
Check	03/05/2007	dm070305a	AMERICAN EXPRESS	535 Credit Card ...		-5.95	9,153.43	
Check	04/03/2007	dm070403a	AMERICAN EXPRESS	535 Credit Card ...		-5.95	9,147.48	
Check	05/03/2007	dm070503a	AMERICAN EXPRESS	535 Credit Card ...		-5.95	9,141.53	
Check	06/04/2007	dm070604a	AMERICAN EXPRESS	535 Credit Card ...		-5.95	9,135.58	
Check	07/03/2007	dm070703a	AMERICAN EXPRESS	535 Credit Card ...		-5.95	9,129.63	
Check	07/03/2007	dm070703b	NORTH SHORE BANK	535 Credit Card ...		-30.00	9,099.63	
Check	07/30/2007	1780	LPMA Transfer Fund...	113 FED CHECK...		-8,000.00	1,099.63	
Check	08/02/2007	dm070802a	NORTH SHORE BANK	535 Credit Card ...		-30.00	1,069.63	
Check	08/03/2007	dm070803a	AMERICAN EXPRESS	535 Credit Card ...		-5.95	1,063.68	
Check	08/31/2007	dm070831a	NORTH SHORE BANK	534 Legal, Accou...		-9.14	1,054.54	
Total			112 Cash, Federal checking			-8,140.79	1,054.54	
TOTAL						-8,140.79	1,054.54	

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Income

410 Membership Revenue

410-20 Memberships (new) 0.00 295.00 -295.00 -100.0%

410-25 Memberships 1,300.00 1,583.00 -283.00 -17.9%

410-75 Revenue - U.M.P. 0.00 2,298.50 -2,298.50 -100.0%

410 Membership Revenue - Other 0.00 15.00 -15.00 -100.0%

Total 410 Membership Revenue 1,300.00 4,191.50 -2,891.50 -69.0%

420 Contributions

420-20 Contributes - New Member 0.00 110.00 -110.00 -100.0%

420-25 Contributions - Member 0.00 915.00 -915.00 -100.0%

420 Contributions - Other 0.00 10.00 -10.00 -100.0%

Total 420 Contributions 0.00 1,035.00 -1,035.00 -100.0%

425 Pledge Revenue

425-35 Pledge - Ongoing 0.00 290.00 -290.00 -100.0%

Total 425 Pledge Revenue 0.00 290.00 -290.00 -100.0%

Total Income 1,300.00 5,516.50 -4,216.50 -76.4%

Gross Profit 1,300.00 5,516.50 -4,216.50 -76.4%

Expense

510 Telecommunications 530.15 462.07 68.08 14.7%

512 Postage and Shipping

512-55 Newsletter Mailing 3,785.87 614.82 3,171.05 515.8%
 512 Postage and Shipping - Other 0.00 230.00 -230.00 -100.0%
 Total 512 Postage and Shipping 3,785.87 844.82 2,941.05 348.1%
 534 Legal, Accounting, Bank Fee 13.14 12.19 0.95 7.8%
 535 Credit Card and EFTS Fees 131.65 84.49 47.16 55.8%
 580 Supplies 134.65 732.42 -597.77 -81.6%
 586 - Outreach - Event 500.00 0.00 500.00 100.0%
 Total Expense 5,095.46 2,135.99 2,959.47 138.6%
 Net Income -3,795.46 3,380.51 -7,175.97 -212.3%
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 Cash Basis January through August 2007
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The recommended changes to the by-laws were discussed. Arthur moved to accept these. Dave seconded. The motion passed with 5 votes in favor and none opposed.

George raised the issue of a "motion arising". With respect to maximizing the money to get candidates onto the ballot in 2008, it was proposed that we cease to send gratis issues of our newsletter to parties which had been receiving them. We send one to the national party, one to the national chair, and about 40 every month to other people and organizations. It was also proposed that we write this in the next issue of the newsletter, including how to subscribe for a paid issue if the recipient was still interested in receiving one. This motion passed with 5 in favor and none opposed.

With respect to fund raising for ballot access in 2008, we have \$3000 in matching funds: \$1000 from Bill Hees, \$2000 from the campaign of George Phillipies, and perhaps a sum from another member. Assuming that signatures cost \$1.25 each, we need about \$20,000 in total, of which we have \$5000 in matching money. Arthur will research vistaprint hats, fridge magnets, and patches.

Next month's meeting will be at Carol's.

It was observed that we have two places to which membership renewals must go, namely Carol who deposits the checks and Dave who updates the membership records. This means that no matter what there are two mailing delays in passing information. There was agreement that it was more important that the membership records be updated as soon as possible, so that members are welcomed immediately, and that the loss of a couple days interest on depositing the checks was less critical than the delay in welcoming people. Therefore it was moved and seconded that Mr D will be directed to forward business-size letters to the Membership Secretary, who will forward all mail containing checks, bills, or other financial matters to the Treasurer.

At 4:20 p.m. Dave moved to adjourn and Arthur seconded the motion, and it was unanimously voted that we should.