

## Minutes of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maryland — Sunday, 28 April 2019

**Opening:** The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met at the *Laurienzo Brick Oven Cafe* in Mount Airy, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 2:41 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

**Attendance:** the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Stuart Simms; and Dean Ahmad. It validated that 19 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. No proxies were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 35 members.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the 18 August 2018 Central Committee meeting were accepted as submitted.

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

**Chair's Report:** Bob Johnston welcomes LNC representatives Dr. Lark and Joe Bishop-Henchman. He reports that Michael White passed away this week. We have 88 members. We had 22,483 registered voters at the time of de-certification by the BoE. The MdLP is suing the state of Md. over the petition requirement; Eric Blitz explained. If the lawsuit fails we must collect 10,000 petition signatures. The 2020 election is for President, Congress, and partisan seats in Baltimore City. We have electoral muscle in that in a number of instances Libertarians received more votes than the difference between the winner and second-place finisher.

**LNC Representative Dr. Lark:** At the national level, the LP is sort of skating along; things are okay, we are recovering from some budgetary problems. We have a new executive director, Dan Fishman. Party membership in 2014 was 14,260; now it is 14,271. Next year is going to be extremely challenging for us election-wise. The great frontier for recruiting young prospects is in the high schools. He invites contact at [jwLark@Virginia.edu](mailto:jwLark@Virginia.edu).

**Program Committee's report:** The committee recommended one change to the State Program: Under State Government, change the fifth bullet point from "End exclusionary ballot access laws to foster a strong and vibrant democratic process." to "End exclusionary ballot access laws and encourage ranked choice voting to foster a strong and vibrant democratic process." Approved unanimously on a voice vote.

**Officer Elections:** Robert S. Johnston III was nominated for Chairman; elected unanimously on a voice vote. The following were nominated as officers: David Dull, Michael Linder, Robert Glaser, Stuart Simms, Krystal Woodworth, and Scott Spencer. It was agreed to vote as a slate, which was elected unanimously on a voice vote.

### **Proposed Constitutional Amendments**

**#1** (Robert Glaser): replace the word "Program" with "Platform" in all appearances (14 occurrences: V7A, V7A3, V7A3, V7A3, V7A3, V8, V8A, V8A, V8B, V8B, V8C, V8C, V8C, V8C). Approved on a voice vote.

**#2** (Robert Glaser): Change the sentence in VIII "At the time of filing, and continuously through the date of the corresponding General Election, all candidates of the Maryland Libertarian Party to public office must be registered Libertarian as defined in the qualification for Central Committee membership stated in Article IV, Section 2." to "At the time of filing, and continuously through the date of the corresponding General Election, excepting judicial nominations, all candidates of the Maryland Libertarian Party to public office must be registered Libertarian as defined in the qualification for Central Committee membership stated in Article IV, Section 2." Approved on a voice vote.

**#3** (Dean Ahmad): in IV2, after "is registered as a Libertarian" add "or Other-Libertarian". 8 for, 8 against; amendment Fails.

The Investigating Committee for amendments #1 and #2 is Bob Johnston, Robert Glaser, Tom Ashwell, Jonathon Woodworth, and Tony Spezio.

**Proposed Bylaw** (Eric Blitz): Budget amendment tabled until the next meeting.

**Announcements:** Bob Johnston says the proposed date for the picnic is Saturday, August 10 at the Sten's. Eric Blitz advises of a June 8 volunteer class in Crofton. AA county meeting May 13 at *Libations*. Baltimore City meeting May 20 at Govans library. Baltimore County meeting May 17 at *Pizza John's*. The AA group will participate in the Annapolis Memorial Day parade May 27. Stu Simms advises of a proposed March 14, 2020 Spring Convention in Frederick. Robert Glaser has license plate applications on hand and MdLP caps for sale.

**Adjournment:** the meeting adjourned at 3:54 pm.

--Robert E. Glaser

## Minutes of the Investigating Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maryland — Sunday, 28 April 2019

**Opening:** The Investigating Committee met at the *Laurienzo Brick Oven Cafe* in Mount Airy, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

**Attendance:** the Investigating Committee consisted of: Bob Johnston, Robert Glaser, Tom Ashwell, Jonathon Woodworth, and Tony Spezio.

**Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1:** 4 Yes, 1 No. Committee recommends passage.

**Proposed Constitutional Amendment #2:** 3 Yes, 1 No. Committee recommends passage.

**Adjournment:** the meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

--Robert E. Glaser