

Minutes
Libertarian Party of Florida, Inc.
Annual Meeting
May 6 and 7, 2017
Cocoa Beach, Florida

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Char-Lez Braden at 9:30 am.

Appointment of Sergeant at Arms

Chair Char-Lez Braden appointed Sergeant at Arms Derek Ryan

Convention Credentials Report

Convention Credentials Report by Suzanne Gilmore - 159 delegates

Quorum Determined

Quorum was called by Chair Char-Lez Braden

Welcome and Introduction of Guest

Chair Char-Lez Braden introduced Tom Regnier, Keynote Speaker

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda - passed

Announcements - Sponsors, Awards

None

First Call for Nominations from the Floor for Executive Committee positions
by Char-Lez Braden

- A. Chairperson
 - Char-Lez Braden - by K. Dickey, seconded by J. Morris
 - Zack Silva - by Z. Silva, seconded by T. Knapp
 - Marcos Miralles - by D. Misigoy, seconded by M. Golob
 - Augustus Invictus - by R. Okayay, seconded by R. Ramsey

- B. Vice Chairperson
Omar Recuero - by G. Wozniak, seconded by J. Morris
Dana Moxley Cummings - by M. Miralles, seconded by B. Hicks
- C. At-Large 1 Director
Alison Foxall - by J. Thompson, seconded by J. Folsom
Thomas Knapp - by J. Tesky, seconded by P. Stanton
Steven Nekhaila - by M. Miralles, seconded by J. Morris
- D. At-Large 3 Director
Greg Peele - by D. Ryan, seconded by M. Camargo
Rob Tolp - by J. Hartgrave, seconded by J. Tesky

LP and Officers Annual Reports

- A. Libertarian Party Region - Ed Marsh
- B. Secretary - Suzanne Gilmore
- C. Treasurer - James Morris
- D. Vice-Chairman - Omar Recuero
- E. Chairman - Char-Lez Braden

Committee Annual Reports

- A. Candidates - John Thompson
- B. Communications - Alison Foxall
- C. Membership - Jess Mears
- D. Platform - Rob Lapham
- E. Rules - Tony Sellers
- F. Selection - Omar Recuero
- G. Convention - Marc Tancer
- H. Events - Russ Wood
- I. Fundraising - Ben Wasson
- J. Legislative Review - [VACANT] No report

Break

Convention Credentials Report

Convention Credentials Report by Suzanne Gilmore - 128 delegates

Quorum Determined

Quorum was called by Chair Char-Lez Braden

Consent Agenda Items

Changes to Constitution, Motions 2017-ABM-C-03, 2017-ABM-C-04
Disposition: Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 2017-ABM-C-03 by the Rules Committee

Title: Motion to amend Constitution, inserting new Art VII and renumbering

Text: Motion by the Rules Committee to insert a new Article VII and renumbering.

ARTICLE VII Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the LPF in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with other rules adopted by the LPF.

Motion # 2017-ABM-C-04 by the Rules Committee

Title: Motion to amend Constitution renumbered Art VIII (formerly VII), Section 2

Text: Motion by the Rules Committee to strike and insert portions of Sect.2 A, C, D, and E

ARTICLE VIII Adoption & Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution shall be adopted when approved by two-thirds of the delegates of the 1974 Convention.

Section 2. Amendments to the Constitution may be made in the following manner:

A. Amendments must be published among ~~the Executive Committee, the County Affiliates and~~ on the LPF's official, public, and functioning website for notification of all members in good standing, thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Business Meeting and passed by two-thirds of the members present at that meeting.

B. Upon establishment of affiliates in each county in Florida, a proposed Amendment can be accepted by a three-fourths vote of the Executive Committee and ratified by three-fourths of the county affiliates.

C. If any term of this Constitution or any subordinate document is to any extent illegal, invalid, or incapable of being enforced, such term shall be excluded to the extent of such illegality, invalidity, or unenforceability; all other terms hereof shall remain in full force and effect; and, to the extent permitted and possible the illegal, invalid, or

unenforceable term shall be deemed replaced by a term stated or implied by the adopted parliamentary authority that is legal, valid, and enforceable and that comes closest to expressing the intention of such illegal, invalid, or unenforceable term.

D. The LPF ByLaws shall be subordinate to this Constitution. The LPF Standing Rules shall be subordinate to the LPF ByLaws. Any other rule or procedure shall be subordinate to the LPF Standing rules. In any conflict between these documents, the conflicting term from the subordinate document shall be deemed unenforceable.

E. Immaterial changes may be made under the provisions of Article III, Section 4, B. of this Constitution.

Consent Agenda Items

Changes to By-Laws, Motions 2017-ABM-B-02, 2017-ABM-B-03, 2017-ABM-B-04
Disposition: Motion passed with one Nay vote.

Motion # 2017-ABM-B-02 by the Rules Committee

Title: Motion to amend By-Laws Art III, Section 3 C

Text: Motion by the Rules Committee to amend By-Laws Article III, Section 3 C, striking some portions and replacing with new language.

C. The Secretary shall serve as recorder for all meetings of the party, conventions, and Executive Committee. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the minutes of all meetings, correspondence, committee reports, and the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules, and shall make provision for legal service to the LPF. The Secretary of ~~The Libertarian Party of Florida~~ the LPF shall also serve as ~~the Secretary~~ a member of the Membership Committee, and ~~shall~~ be responsible for maintaining party membership records.

Motion # 2017-ABM-B-03

Title: Motion to amend By-Laws Art III, Section 3 F (c)

Text: Motion by the Rules Committee to amend By-Laws, Article III, Section 3F (c), striking some language and adding new language.

- F. (a) The Executive Committee shall be responsible for creating a committee to maintain a current contact list of experts in fields related to election issues or interest in Libertarian candidates for use as data and advisory sources.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall establish a legislative review committee for the purpose of identifying Florida laws for change or

repeal, and for making specific wording recommendations for use by Libertarian candidates and officers.

(c) LPF established committees may use ~~Facebook~~ an online platform as a forum for its meetings, providing notice of the ~~domain~~ meeting's website address on the LPF website and manner in which non-committee LPF members may enter credentials to view, but not participate, in committee discussions and business.

Motion # 2017-ABM-B-04

Title: Motion to amend By-Laws Art III, Section 4C

Text: Motion by the Rules Committee to

4 C A quorum of the Executive Committee, shall be ~~eight (8)~~
~~members of the Committee.~~ a majority of its seated members.

Platform Committee Motions

Motion: 2017-ABM-P-01 by the Platform Committee Moved by Dawn Drellos-Thompson, seconded by Ben Wasson

Title: Motion to amend Platform Statement of Principle

Text: Motion by the Platform Committee to strike and replace LPF Platform Statement of Principle

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

~~The Libertarian Party of Florida does not believe in or advocate the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals.~~ We, the Libertarian Party of Florida, oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.

Disposition: Passed unanimously

Motion: 2017-ABM-P-03 by Rob Lapham, seconded by Joshua Folsom

Title: Motion to strike Platform Item Preamble

Text: Motion by the Platform Committee to strike Platform Item Preamble

PREAMBLE

~~Libertarians seek a society based on personal liberty and responsibility—a society in which all individuals are sovereign over their own lives. This most desirable method of organizing society is the natural order that arises when the unalienable rights of individuals to life, liberty and property ownership are respected and protected.~~

~~People have the right to engage in any activity that is peaceful and honest, and pursue happiness in whatever manner they choose so long as they do not forcibly or fraudulently interfere with the equal rights of others. Libertarians welcome the peace, prosperity, and diversity that freedom brings.~~

Disposition: Marc Tancer moved to call the question. Motion to call the question passed.
Motion failed.

Motion: 2017-ABM-P-02 by Rob Lapham, seconded by Ben Wasson

Title: Motion to amend Platform Item Inclusion, moving it from Item XIII and renumbering

Text: Motion by the Platform Committee to amend LPF Platform Inclusion, moving it from Item XIII to immediately below the Statement of Principle and renumbering.

INCLUSION

The Libertarian Party of Florida ratifies and hereby includes in this document the platform of the national Libertarian Party, the “LP Platform” published at <https://www.lp.org/platform>.

Disposition: Motion by Wayne Jackman to move for consideration after 207-ABM-P03 was seconded. Motion passed.

Paul Stanton moved to amend by including as adopted May 2016, following Libertarian Party and adopted by Thomas Knapp. Amendment passed.

Motion as amended failed. 45 Aye, 42 Nay. Chair ruled that the vote did not reach the majority of the delegates present.

Motion: 2017-ABM-P-04 by Rob Lapham, seconded by Philippe Cadorette

Motion to divide Subsection I.10 and I.11 into separate motions by Wayne Jackman, seconded by Dana Moxley Cummings.

Motion to divide passed.

Title: Motion to amend Platform Item I State Government

Text: Motion by the Platform Committee to amend Platform Item I State Government

I. STATE GOVERNMENT

1. In the absence of a declaration of war by the United States Congress, for any purpose other than natural disaster relief, we oppose any use of Florida troops by the federal government without the approval of both the Florida Legislature and Governor.
2. ~~Individuals have the right to defend themselves and others. We oppose any law that dilutes the right of any citizen to own a firearm or other means of self defense.~~ We in

addition to the self defense clause in the national Platform at Paragraph 1.9 support any laws that further the rights of both concealed weapon permit holders and all ~~Citizens of Florida persons~~ to openly carry arms.

3. We endorse the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which reserves to our state and its people all powers not expressly delegated to the federal government by the U.S. Constitution, or prohibited from the states or the people by the U.S. Constitution.
4. We support Equality under the Law, and condemn any law that either rewards or punishes any individual based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or any other group identification. Each person has the same inalienable rights. It is the State's duty to protect those rights for each individual equally.
5. State government should be removed entirely from the licensing process, including occupational licensing. It has produced no better results than private licensing and amounts to another tax. ~~For example, marriage licenses are contracts between individuals and should be left to the individuals, their attorneys and religious officials, without the need to pay the state for a stamp of approval.~~
6. We advocate a sunset law requiring an automatic end to most government offices, agencies, departments, laws, regulations, taxes, and expenditures within ten years if not reauthorized.
7. We oppose immunities for any public officials or employees for illegal acts or omissions. ~~Like any citizen, they should be subject to criminal prosecution and held liable for any injuries caused by their actions.~~
8. We support complete transparency and believe it should apply to all public employees. Sunshine laws should apply to all public employees working in any public place. With modern technology virtually every person has the ability to record and report on the actions of our public officials and workers. There should be no laws prohibiting or limiting the electronic recording and reporting using any means of any public official, including law enforcement officers, while performing their duties.
9. ~~The Libertarian Party of Florida opposes~~ We oppose the participation by the state of Florida in the Real ID Act or similar federal identification database mandates.

Disposition: Motion passed unanimously

Motion: 2017-ABM-P-04A by Rob Lapham, seconded by Philippe Cadorette

Title: Motion to amend Platform Item I.10 State Government

Text: Motion by the Platform Committee to amend Platform Item I.10 State Government

10. Privacy – Just as it is true that the only economic situation consistent with individual rights is the free market, so is it also true that life, liberty and happiness cannot prosper under continuous state surveillance. The LPF opposes the use by the state of people or technology to monitor, account for, and keep Floridians under surveillance, especially where there is no evidence of criminal behavior, and thereby restrict the normal interaction of peoples. The LPF opposes passive, yet compulsory, surveillance legislation, such as laws that require individuals and businesses to report legal activities

without evidence of criminal acts. The first, second, fourth, fifth and fourteenth amendments to the Constitution are all threatened by unfettered state surveillance. The LPF supports an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the right of privacy of all citizens, a right that is implied throughout that document, so as to² defend individuals from state intrusion, to limit state intervention in private lives, and allow the free exercise of liberty away from the overbearing power of government. [~~see LP Platform Paragraph 1.3 Privacy~~]

We oppose compulsory surveillance without evidence of criminal acts. We support an the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Art. I, Sect. 23 of the Florida Constitution, which protects the rights of privacy of all people.

Disposition:

Wayne Jackman moved to unstrike the entirety of Subsection 10 and was seconded by Dana Cummings.

Dana Cummings moved to strike the entire sentence in the amendment beginning “we oppose compulsory” and was seconded by Wayne Jackman. Motion failed.

John Thompson moved to strike [~~see LP Platform Paragraph 1.3 Privacy~~] and seconded by Frank Caprio. Motion passed.

Marc Tancer moved to strike ~~an~~ after support and add the Fourth, strike ~~to~~ and add which protects. Motion to amend passed.

Dana Cummings moved to amend adding and Art I Sect 23 of the Florida Constitution and was seconded. Motion to amend passed.

Motion as amended passed.

Second Call for Nominations from the Floor for EC positions

by Char-Lez Braden

- A. Chairperson
Jon-Luc Tesky declined nomination
- B. Vice Chairperson none
- C. At-Large 1 Director none
- D. At-Large 3 Director none

Recessed for Lunch at 1:03 pm

Reconvened at 3:24 pm

Convention Credentials Report

Convention Credentials Report by Suzanne Gilmore - 133

Quorum Determined

Quorum was called by Chair Char-Lez Braden

Introduction of Candidates for EC Positions

- A. Chairperson
 - Z. Silva
 - M. Miralles
 - C. Braden
 - A. Invictus - Withdrew after introduction
- B. Vice Chairperson
 - D. Moxley Cummings
 - O. Recuero
- C. At-Large 1 Director
 - S. Nekhaila
 - T. Knapp
 - A. Foxall
- D. At-Large 3 Director
 - R. Tolp
 - G. Peele

Elections - Preference vote and election to the EC

- A. Chairperson
 - Votes were tallied and recounted
 - Suspended rules to accept 136 votes cast
 - 75 Miralles 54 Braden, 4 Silva, 3 NOTA
 - Marcos Miralles was declared the winner.
- B. Vice Chairperson
 - Non delegates were asked to leave the room, other than proctors, and the room was sequestered. 134 votes cast
 - 80 Recuero, 48 Cummings, 1 Braden, 3 NOTA, 2 Abstain
 - Omar Recuero was declared the winner.
- C. At-Large 1 Director 131 votes cast
 - 78 Foxall, 28 Nekhaila, 23 Knapp, 2 Abstain
 - Alison Foxall was declared the winner.
- D. At-Large 3 Director 130 votes cast
 - 104 Peele, 25 Tolp, 1 Abstain
 - Greg Peele was declared the winner.

Meeting of the EC to elect officers

Chair sought unanimous consent of current Executive Committee members to elect the nominees for office presented in toto per the preference vote of the delegation
Disposition - Unanimous

Presentation and confirmation of EC officers
(FS 103.095)

Adjournment

Adjournment at approximately 5:30 pm until Sunday, May 7 at 10:00 am

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Char-Lez Braden at 10:00 am

Move to suspend the rules to seat a new delegate passed.

Move to seat delegate was questioned by Paul Stanton as being a violation of the by-laws. Chair ruled that the motion to seat the delegate was out of order.

Motion to suspend rules for a minute of silence in remembrance of former Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party, R. Lee Wrights, was seconded and passed.

Motion by Marc Tancer to suspend the rules to move the opening speaker to this point while the credentials report is being completed, was seconded and passed.

Welcome and Introduction of Guest

Chair Char-Lez Braden introduced Steve Scheetz, Opening Speaker

Convention Credentials Report

Convention Credentials Report by Suzanne Gilmore - 122 delegates

Quorum Determined

Quorum was called by Chair Char-Lez Braden (83 present).

Announcements

None

Break for Regional Caucuses in the room

Notification of Regional Representative Elections

Region 1 Ray McGee
Region 2 Anna Morris
Region 3 Josh Folsom
Region 4 Ryan Ramsey
Region 5 Joe Martin
Region 6 Kristen Daniel
Region 7 Paul Stanton
Region 8 J. D. Pierce
Region 9 George Lebovitz
Region 10 Char-Lez Braden
Region 11 Shawn Elliott
Region 12 Rob Tolp
Region 13 Karl Dickey
Region 14 Steven Nekhaila

Pulled Items from Consent Agenda (if any) and final remaining motions - Rules Committee

Platform Motions, continued

Motion to table the remaining Platform motions was seconded
Motion passed.

Motion: 2017-ABM-P-04B Tabled

Title: Motion to amend Platform Item I.11 State Government

Text: Motion by the Platform Committee to amend Platform Item I.11 State Government

11. We oppose using state and local resources to enforce federal immigration laws against foreign nationals who do not pose a credible threat to security, health or property.

Motion: 2017-ABM-P-05 Tabled

Title: Motion to amend Platform Item II Elections

Text: Motion by the Platform Committee to amend Platform Item II Elections

II. ELECTIONS

1. The only electoral duty of the State government should be providing for fair and efficient conduct of elections. Political parties, like any private voluntary group, should be free from government control and allowed to establish their own rules for nomination

procedures and conventions. All taxpayer-funded subsidies to candidates for public office and political parties, including primaries and conventions, should be eliminated.

2. We support the addition of the alternative option "None of the above is acceptable" to all ballots. We further propose that in the event that "None of the above is acceptable" receives a plurality of votes in any election, a new election shall be held ~~for~~ in which none of the losing candidates shall be eligible. Other forms of voting should also be considered, such as instant runoff voting or proportional representation.
3. ~~Campaign finance laws are unwarranted restrictions of free speech or association and should be repealed. Keeping in accordance with the tradition of all government being run in the Sunshine, we~~ We support making all political contributions public records.

Motion: 2017-ABM-P-06 Tabled

Title: Motion to amend Platform Item III Courts

Text: Motion by the Platform Committee to to amend Platform Item III Courts

III. COURTS

1. ~~The common law authority of a trial by jury preceded our constitution and is the foundation of our legal system. If a jury of peers deems a law unjust, oppressive or inappropriately applied, it has the right and duty to acquit the defendant. We support the right of defendants to a fully informed jury, which would require judges to instruct jurors of their authority to judge not only the facts, but also the justice of the law according to their own good consciences.~~ [See LP Platform Paragraph 1.7 Crime and Justice]
2. We support restitution for victims of crimes or civil infractions at the expense of the perpetrator. The victim should have the right to pardon the perpetrator, provided the victim is not threatened or coerced.
3. Private adjudication of disputes by mutually acceptable judges or mediators should be encouraged.
4. No-fault laws should be repealed because they deprive the victim of the right to recover damages from those responsible for causing harm.
5. ~~The right of trial by jury should be allowed in all civil or criminal cases where the value exceeds one oz of gold.~~ [See LP Platform Paragraph 1.7 Crime and Justice]
6. The use of civil asset forfeiture to enforce laws circumvents constitutional protections and should be ended.
7. ~~Random police roadblocks and other~~ Searches without probable cause bypass constitutional protections and should be prohibited.
8. We support equal treatment and oppose sexual discrimination in any judicial proceeding adjudicating a parental right, privilege or obligation concerning his or her child.

Motion: 2017-ABM-P-07 Tabled

Title: Motion to amend Platform Item VII Economy

Text: Motion by the Platform Committee to amend Platform Item VII Economy

VII. ECONOMY

1. ~~We believe in the free market, thus the complete separation of the economy and the state.~~ [See LP Platform Paragraph 2.0 Economic Liberty]
2. No commercial enterprises should be granted legal monopoly status, including the so-called natural monopolies of electricity, natural gas, water supplies, telephones, and cable television. The Florida Public Service Commission should be abolished and all rate regulation in these industries ended. ~~The right to offer such services in the marketplace should not be curtailed.~~
3. State regulation of industries such as insurance and communications, and professions such as medicine and law, should be ended. They should be regulated by trade or consumer groups.
4. ~~The condemnation of private property for public use should only be allowed when necessary for the protection of the rights of the citizens.~~ Eminent Domain is only appropriate for immediate concerns of public safety.

Motion 2017-ABM-P-08 Tabled

Title: Motion to amend Platform Item XI Health Care

Text: Motion by the Platform Committee to amend Platform Item XI Health Care

XI. HEALTH CARE

1. ~~The most fundamental property right is an individual's right to own and control his or her own body. All individuals have the right to determine their own health care needs and treatment. Government has no constitutional authority to interfere with the practitioner/patient relationship.~~ [See LP Platform Paragraph 2.10 Health Care]
2. The right of people to extend or end their lives with dignity should not be infringed. We support the freedom to use living wills and durable medical powers of attorney.

Motion to table remaining Platform motions by Randy Wiseman, seconded by Dana Cummings.

Motion passed.

Motion by Marc Tancer to suspend the rules for 30 minutes to consider the remaining rules changes was seconded.

Motion failed.

Motion by Dana Cummings to suspend the remaining rules items until the next annual business meeting was seconded. Motion passed.

Motion # 2017-ABM-C-01 Suspended to next annual business meeting

Title: Motion to amend Constitution Art I, Sect. 2 and 3

Text: Motion by the Rules Committee renaming the Article, striking existing Sections 2 and 3, and replacing with a new Section 2.

ARTICLE I Name & Object Purpose

~~Section 2. The object and purpose of the LPF is to engage in political action in the State of Florida, to serve as an affiliate organization of the Libertarian Party in national politics, and to serve as a nucleus for designated county affiliate organizations and for LPF members in matters of statewide political action.~~

~~Section 3. The purpose of the LPF is to implement and to give voice to the principles embodied in the Statement of Principles currently adopted by the LPF by:~~

~~A. Supporting candidates for national office, recruiting and supporting candidates for state and Congressional offices, and aiding local affiliates upon request.—~~

~~B. Promoting, chartering, and coordinating county affiliate parties within the State of Florida.~~

~~C. Entering into political information activities, including the promoting and securing of party members.~~

Section 2. The LPF adopts the Libertarian Party Statement of Principles and is organized to implement and give voice to it by: functioning as an affiliate of the Libertarian Party in national politics and engaging in political activity in the State of Florida as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements; promoting Sustaining Membership in the Libertarian Party; moving public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office; chartering affiliate parties throughout the State of Florida and promoting their growth and activities; supporting Libertarian Party candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, and recruiting and supporting LPF candidates for state and Congressional political office; and entering into public information activities, including securing LPF voters.

Motion # 2017-ABM-C-02 Suspended to next annual business meeting

Title: Motion to amend Constitution Art II, Sects. 1 and 5

Text: Motion by the Rules Committee to amend Constitution, Article II, Sections 1 and 5, striking some sections and adding language.

ARTICLE II Membership

Section 1. LPF membership is open to any LPF voter who ~~whoever~~ signs the pledge: "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals," and asks to be a member of the LPF.

Section 5. Certain rights and privileges of membership, including delegate status, committee appointments and observation of committee meetings, holding party office, exercise of voting rights in the conduct of any Libertarian Party of Florida business, and the right to bring business before the Annual Business Meeting, shall be available only to LPF members who are registered LPF voters in the state of Florida and shall not be available ~~unavailable~~ to members and officers of any other political party. ~~registered in the state of Florida. Members and officers of other political parties registered in the state of Florida~~ Persons ineligible for such rights and privileges may participate in discussion on items of business brought before the membership, subject to the discretion of the Chair or by a two-thirds (2/3s) majority ~~majority~~ vote of the body.

Motion # 2017-ABM-B-01 Suspended to next annual business meeting

Title: Motion to amend By-Laws Art III, Section 2

Text: Motion by the Rules Committee to amend By-Laws Article III, Sect 2, adding language to 2A, striking all of B, C, D, and E, and adding new B, C, D, and E, striking portions of F and replacing with new language, and striking all of G.

By-Laws Article III, Sect 2 as follows:

A. No offices shall be combined and all offices shall be filled.

~~B. The Executive Committee shall fill vacancies of Regional Representatives, Committee Chairs, and Committee members by appointment of the LPF Chair with confirmation of the appointment as indicated by a majority of the votes cast by the Executive Committee.~~

~~C. All nominations to fill vacancies shall be submitted to the LPF chair.~~

~~D. The Executive Committee shall fill vacancies of elected positions of LPF Chair, LPF Vice Chair, LPF Secretary, LPF Treasurer, and Directors at Large as indicated by a majority of the votes cast by the Executive Committee via roll call vote.~~

~~(1) Each nominee for a vacated position listed in this section shall be offered the floor for introductions for no more than (2) two minutes.~~

~~(2) Any candidate may choose to yield half of the maximum allotted time to another candidate.~~

~~(3) By proxy introductions of candidates shall be limited to (1) one minute.~~

~~E. The LPF Executive Committee should be notified by a resigning member of the Executive Committee within seven (7) days of their resignation. If the member does not submit a resignation, their unexcused absence from three monthly Executive Committee meetings or six bi-weekly Executive Committee meetings shall be considered a resignation effective immediately.~~

B. The officers shall be ranked, in order, as follows: the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The highest ranked remaining officer shall preside over the LPF and its meetings. If all offices are vacant, each Director at large in order of their seat number shall preside. If all offices and Directors at large are vacant, the Regional Representatives shall elect a chairperson pro-tempore from their ranks to fill offices as described below.

C. Every LPF Executive Committee office and seat shall be deemed vacant following the rules provided in Florida law for political party office vacancies. In addition to those rules, unexcused absence from three monthly Executive Committee meetings or six bi-weekly Executive Committee meetings shall be considered a vacancy.

D. The presiding officer shall appoint a qualified and willing LPF member to fill any vacant office or seat. The appointee shall be vested immediately with the duties and powers of the office. The LPF shall notify the Florida Department of Elections of any change in the filing certificate, including a change of officers, within five (5) days to satisfy the requirements of Florida Law.

E. If the Annual Business Meeting will occur within 60 days, the vested appointee will retain the office until that meeting. If the Annual Business Meeting will not occur within 60 days, the Executive Committee shall, at its next regularly scheduled meeting, elect a qualified LPF member to the office. The election shall be by voice vote in order of nomination. The vested appointee shall be the first nominee voted upon.

F. Any member elected or appointed to serve on the Executive Committee or other LPF committee shall be a member of the ~~Libertarian Party of Florida~~ LPF, and shall, upon request, show proof of registration with the State of Florida ~~as a Libertarian voter in the State of Florida to vote in the LPF.~~

~~G. The Chair may appoint temporary officers and at-large directors to meet State determined time limits for notifying them of the changes of Executive Committee members. These temporarily filled positions shall be confirmed at the next Executive Committee Meeting. At the request of two members of the Executive Committee a properly noticed meeting shall be called to elect qualified members to replace the temporary appointments for~~

~~the entire remaining term.~~

Motion # 2017-ABM-B-05 Suspended to next annual business meeting

Title: Motion to amend By-Laws Art IV, Section 3

Text: Motion by the Rules Committee to amend By-Laws, Article IV, Section 3 by striking portions of A. and inserting new language, and adding new language to B.

~~A. Delegates shall be members as prescribed in ARTICLE II of the Constitution on the day of commencement of the annual business meeting and a delegate must be a verifiably registered Libertarian Party of Florida voter in the state of Florida prior to the start of the annual business meeting. Any person who is both an LPF registered voter and an LPF member at least sixty (60) days before the start of the Annual Business Meeting and who maintains that membership and registration through the Annual Business Meeting shall be eligible to be a delegate to that meeting. Delegate status may be denied or revoked by a 2/3 majority vote of the Executive Committee if a potential delegate has been found to have violated the non-aggression principle pledge or for other serious cause.~~

~~B. Each delegate must sign the Libertarian Party of Florida Affirmation of Qualifications for Delegate form or other equivalent form approved by the LPF EC.~~

Motion # 2017-ABM-B-06 Suspended to next annual business meeting

Title: Motion to amend By-Laws Art IV, Sect 5 A

Text: Motion by the Rules Committee to amend By-Laws Article IV, Section 5 A by Striking some language and adding new language

~~A. The Executive Committee Chairperson shall appoint members to the Convention Committee with the approval of the Executive Committee members to the Convention Committee at least one hundred eighty (180) days before the date of the annual convention. The Executive Committee shall also notify the state party members at least ninety (90) days before the Annual Business Meeting. The Executive Committee shall assume all responsibility for the Annual Business Meeting, including but not limited to: the annual business of the Libertarian Party of Florida, hosting events, the rental of accommodations to hold the annual business meeting and all other events surrounding said meeting. The LPF will split in a 50/40/10 manner all net profits from annual business meeting with the following breakdown: 50% to the state party, 10% to the host county affiliate if in good standing, at the time of selection, and 40% to be split equally amongst the remaining county affiliated in good standing at the time of the conclusion of the convention.~~

~~Otherwise the split shall be 50/50 with half to the state party and half split equally amongst all county affiliates in good standing at time of conclusion of the convention.~~

Motions from the Floor

Title: GOVERNMENTAL INACTION PRESUMED by Rob Lapham seconded by Brandi Hicks

Text: I move that a new paragraph should be added to Part I of the Platform ("I. STATE GOVERNMENT") to read as follows:

12. We believe that the first reaction to any perceived societal problem should NOT be "There ought to be a law". Specifically, we believe that all Florida government -- including all branches of State government and all of Florida's political subdivisions -- should embrace an initial presumption against any governmental action of any sort.

Disposition: Motion passed.

Title: Roll Call Vote Requirement by Rob Tolp, seconded by Thomas Knapp

Text: The following section shall be added [to the end of the section] to Article III, Section 4 of the bylaws ("Meetings of the Executive Committee"):

The Executive Committee shall use roll call voting on all substantive motions. On all roll call votes, the vote of each individual Committee member shall be recorded in the minutes.

Disposition: Motion passed with 53 aye and 6 nay votes, two-thirds of votes cast.

Title: Amendment to Suspension/Revocation Provisions by Thomas Knapp. Motion withdrawn by the mover.

Text: I move to replace Article II, Section 6 of the bylaws, in its entirety, with the following:

a. Any member of the Executive Committee, may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the whole Executive Committee for violation of the non-aggression oath or for malfeasance in office.

b. The Executive Committee may, by a two-thirds vote of the whole Committee, publicly censure, and disassociate the Libertarian Party of Florida from, the statements or actions of any member if those statements or actions tend to bring

the Party into disrepute or discredit it before the people and voters of Florida, or violate the non-aggression oath. The member may appeal the censure/disassociation in writing addressed to the Executive Committee within 30 days. If an appeal is made, the delegates to the next state convention shall review the appeal and the votes of two-thirds of voting delegates shall be required to sustain the censure/disassociation.

Title: Motion to Amend Constitution Art III by J.D. Pierce. Motion withdrawn by the mover.

Text: Motion to amend Bylaws to remove reference to ad hoc Legislative Review Committee

ARTICLE III Officers, Executive Committee & Standing Committees

Section 3. Standing Committees

A. Standing Committees of the LPF shall include the following:

Candidate Committee

Communications Committee

Membership Committee

Platform Committee

Rules Committee

Selection Committee

Legislative Action Committee

Section 10. The Legislative Action Committee

The Legislative Action Committee will be appointed by the LPF Chair and approved by the Executive Committee and will consist of at least five (5) members of the LPF. The principal duties of the Legislative Action Committee will include, but not be limited to: (1) identifying Florida laws for change or repeal (2) developing strategies to identify liberty-minded Florida legislators of any party to sponsor or repeal legislation, (3) drafting new bills in the interest of liberty (4) developing documented strategies and actions to move new and repeal bills through the Florida Legislature, (5) assisting affiliates which so choose to find ways to identify and rank liberty-minded legislators in their county, (6) developing systems to make certain that information in each of these areas is preserved for the Party in the future. Should other duties of the committee arise which are not already specifically listed in this section, the Chair may make a motion as such to the Executive Committee or the LPF Chair for their approval before taking action as a committee. The Chair of the Legislative Action Committee will present regular reports on the committee's work to the Executive Committee.

Title: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE Resolution by Wayne Jackman, seconded by Marc Tancer

Text: Be it so resolved:

In order to establish and promote the ideals of the Libertarian Party of Florida, the use of the State Party Platform as a template for county affiliates' individual platforms is hereby encouraged and is not to be considered as a form of plagiarism.

Disposition: Motion passed unanimously.

Title: Motion to amend Article IV Section 2 by Ryan Ramsey, seconded by Thomas Knapp

Text: I move to add the following to Article IV Section 2 to the LPF Bylaws:

C. Committee reports for items to be included in the consent agenda shall be reported by the Committees 75 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

Membership will have 15 days to propose additional items not covered by the Committees for inclusion in the consent agenda for the Annual Business Meeting.

LPF Regional Representatives will then contact the Affiliate Chairs they represent and seek input from the membership and affiliate officers, and attempt to create consensus.

At no more than 45 days and no less than 30 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting, the LPF EC will vote on the Consent Agenda for the Annual Business Meeting.

Disposition: Paul Stanton moved to refer to Rules Committee and was seconded by Omar Recuero. Motion passed 33 ayes, 26 nays.

Omar Recuero moved to suspend the rules for 10 minutes to hear motion 2017-ABM-B-05 was seconded by Suzanne Gilmore.

Motion # 2017-ABM-B-05 by Omar Recuero

Title: Motion to amend By-Laws Art IV, Section 3

Text: Motion by the Rules Committee to amend By-Laws, Article IV, Section 3 by striking portions of A. and inserting new language, and adding new language to B.

~~A. Delegates shall be members as prescribed in ARTICLE II of the Constitution on the day of commencement of the annual business meeting and a delegate must be a verifiably registered Libertarian~~

~~Party of Florida voter in the state of Florida prior to the start of the annual business meeting.~~ Any person who is both an LPF registered voter and an LPF member at least sixty (60) days before the start of the Annual Business Meeting and who maintains that membership and registration through the Annual Business Meeting shall be eligible to be a delegate to that meeting. Delegate status may be denied or revoked by a 2/3 majority vote of the Executive Committee if a potential delegate has been found to have violated the non-aggression principle ~~pledge or for other serious cause.~~

B. Each delegate must sign the Libertarian Party of Florida Affirmation of Qualifications for Delegate form or other equivalent form approved by the LPF EC.

Disposition: Brandi Hicks moved to strike ~~or other serious cause~~ and was seconded by Matt Hasty. Motion to amend passed.
Main motion as amended passed with unstated ayes, and 4 Nays deemed.

Motions from the Floor continued

Motion by Steven Nekhaila to suspend the rules for 5 minutes to for nominations to the LP Platform Committee.

Paul Stanton nominated Thomas Knapp 25 votes.
Frank Caprio was nominated 33 votes.

Disposition: Frank Caprio was elected by division of the room with 1 abstention.

Adjournment

Annual Business Meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am