Libertarian Party Executive Committee
9 May 2012 Teleconference

The EC meeting started at 8:11 EDT.

EC Members present: Geoffrey Neale, Lee Wrights, James Lark, William Redpath, Daniel Wiener, Ruth Bennett, Tim Hagan

Observers present (others may have subsequently joined the call): Arvin Vorha, Scott Spencer, Richard Shrade, Brett Pojunis, Jillian Mack

Staff present: Carla Howell, Robert Kraus

Discussion tonight will include ballot access and contract with the Johnson campaign.

Ballot Access – Bill Redpath – is the EC authorized to encumber funds for tor ballot access? There is a potential problem with IL. Also AL and NY, but those can be dealt with by mail ballot. Chair Neale ruled that this LNC and this EC assumes all authority the last LNC and EC had unless changed by this LNC. There was no objection.

The policy was that the LNC authorized the EC to encumber funds by a 2/3 vote if within the funds previously budgeted. This is 4 votes of the entire EC.

We have 13 weeks to gather signatures in IL. We currently have 10,800 gross signatures and we need 25,000 net, 40,000 gross and originally budgeted this at $2 per signature. Circulators may only gather signatures for one party and there are opportunities for circulators to make more money in other nearby states and there is a great deal of demand for circulators. We expected 10,000 gathered by LPIL volunteers and previously authorized $60,000 for 30,000 paid signatures. It now looks like $2.50/signature and circulators are now available, but may not be for long. Mr. Redpath is asking that the EC authorize another $40,000. To this point, we have spent $22,790.

Mr. Redpath will spend some time after Memorial Day checking validity of signatures in Springfield, IL, so we won't spend more than we need to to get our ticket on the ballot. Mr. Neale asked when the money will be paid out and was advised that it would mostly be in June and July. Mr. Redpath moved that we encumber an additional $40,000 for the IL ballot drive. Seconded by Mr.Wrights. Motion passed without objection.

Mr. Redpath is very hopeful that he can bring this in under budget after checking the validation rate so maybe we can collect only 36,000-38,000 signatures instead of the full 40,000. And at $2.50 each, that is a significant savings.

The next item is the Libertarian Party contract with the Johnson campaign. Mr. Neale suggests that we need a “gentleman’s agreement” with the Johnson campaign. Ms Bennett suggested that emails all go through LPHQ and that any/all mailings go through a licensed and bonded mailing house with a salted list.

Ms Bennett moved that Bill Redpath be the Ballot Access Liaison with the Johnson for President Campaign. Seconded. Passed with no objection.

Ms Howell suggested that ARPC vet emails from the Johnson campaign. Mr. Neale suggested that we have a staff member vet these materials. Nick Dunbar was suggested but the decision would be up to Carla. The EC decided that the Chair and the Executive Director will designate a staff person in HQ be designated to interface with the Johnson campaign mail and emails. There was no objection.

Mr. Neale wants there to be a single point person for political issues such as consistency of message, media interfacing, etc. Mr. Wiener moved that we ask Michael Cloud to take this position. Ms Bennett seconded. Passed with no objection. Mr. Could was called and joined the teleconference. He accepted the position and he will coordinate with Ms Howell and Mr. Neale.

Without objection, the EC teleconference was adjourned at 6:33P

Ruth E. Bennett
Secretary.