

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)
December 5, 2004
Manchester, NH

Board Members:

Present: Richard Tomasso, Don Gorman, Cal Pratt, Karen Pratt, Karl Beisel, Dave Mincin

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present:

Members: Jim Perry, Kat Dillon, Russell Kanning, Jon Bender

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Tomasso.

Secretary's Report

- Received 5 votes for Civic Action Director election; all 5 were for Dave Mincin.
- Tomasso made MOTION to accept election and welcome Dave Mincin to the Board. K. Pratt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- Tomasso suggested minor changes to minutes; K. Pratt made MOTION to accept minutes as ammended. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurer's Report (relayed by Cal Pratt):

- Balances stand at: Operations Accounts: \$770.82, Civic Action Accounts: \$298.24, PAC Accounts: \$900.24.

Membership Director (Dawn Lincoln)

- 222 members total.
- 110 of those members are NH residents.
- Lincoln introduced proposal for NHLA brochure and membership structure; followed by discussion and suggested changes.
- Lincoln mentioned possibility of selling books online, and to providing one as a gift as part of a high-end membership option. The book "Short Answers to Tough Questions" was suggested as an option.
- Lincoln made **MOTION** to adopt membership structure outlined on the brochure with suggested changes. C. Pratt seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Political Action Director (relayed by Rich Tomasso):

- Dawn Lincoln's homeschooling bill has been submitted.
- Rich Tomasso submitted two ballot access reform bills; one to lower signature requirement for ballot petitions, and the other to lower the signature threshold necessary for Major Party status.

- Because the deadline will soon pass this week, new bills submissions must wait until the next session.
- Don Gorman to get copies of “Little Black Book” containing contact information of various state government officials.
- Don Gorman to set up meeting to help gain more access to state officials.
- Tomasso made **MOTION** to direct Dawn Lincoln to contact members who can help to read and highlight important bills being introduced in the session.

Research Director (Cal Pratt)

- Working to understand target audience for white papers; suggests simple 10-second/30 second papers on 2 sheets to give to legislators.

Chair’s Report (Rich Tomasso)

- Presently only one nomination for Civic Action Director: David Mincin.
- Tomasso stated that he had asked Jim Maynard to take charge of NHLA merchandizing, who accepted. Lincoln made **MOTION** to designate Jim Maynard be in charge of this task. Beisel seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- Lincoln made **MOTION** to hold vote for the appointment of Publicity Director; all directors voted for Jim Perry.

New Business

- Discussion of NHLA newsletter.
- Discussion of website; Tomasso to talk to Bill Alleman about transfer.
- Discussion of improving communication; noted the nh_liberty_alliance group on Yahoo!.
- Noted upcoming events:
 - DFNH is holding a social on Dec. 21 at Barely House in Concord at 6:00pm.
 - Bill of Rights Day on 12/15, sponsored by the Bill of Rights Defense Committee.
 - Upcoming town elections and town and city budgets.
- Beisel noted that Michael Harrington (NHLA Legislator of the Year) was appointed to head the Public Utilities Commission, leaving his seat open and an opportunity for NHLA action this spring.
- Next meeting scheduled for January 2 at 6:00pm

Old Business

- Ballot for Civic Action Director to have names “Dave Mincin” and write-in.
- Tomasso made **MOTION** to authorize up to \$100 to produce and send out ballots for election of Civic Action Director. Lincoln seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- Tomasso made **MOTION** to authorize up to \$200 to spend on web site services, to be handled by webmaster, Bill Alleman. C. Pratt seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Karl Beisel