

New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)

Board of Director

Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2008

1. Call To Order

- (a) Chairman Dawn Lincoln called to order the regular meeting of the NHLA at 6:38 PM November 10, 2008 in Concord, NH.

2. Roll Call

- (a) NHLA Secretary Steve Vilee conducted roll call. (The board members that were present have an asterisk to the left of their name):

* Dawn Lincoln (Chairman)		* Jeremy Olson (Research)
Dan Itse (Political Action)		* Carol McGuire (Treasurer)
* Michelle Levell (Membership)		* Steve Vilee (Secretary)
Shuvom Ghose (Vice Chair)		

- (b) Quorum: Yes

3. Secretary's Report-Steve Vilee

- (a) Some amendments to the minutes of the October 6 meeting were proposed:
- i. Michelle said the 695 regular members were separate from the 13 lifetime members.
 - ii. Dawn pointed out that Shuvom's title is Vice Chair.
 - iii. Dawn suggested that the sentence about donations to candidates should include the criteria that were used.
- (b) Carol moved to accept the minutes of the October 6 meeting, as amended. Michelle seconded. The motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report-Carol McGuire

- (a) Carol did not have a written treasurer's report. However, she summarized the situation verbally:
- i. As of the middle of October, the PAC fund had \$765. Since then, the PAC received \$870 in donations, and spent \$3421 on independent expenditures, including newspaper inserts in selected districts.
 - ii. As a result, the PAC fund is now about \$1800 in debt. This is possible because the PAC fund is commingled with the operations account. The charitable account is separate.
- (b) We will be actively seeking donations to restore the PAC fund. The Goddards have promised a substantial contribution, but there will still be about \$1000 to be restored. We will have a fundraiser at the Liberty Forum.
- (c) Carol will provide a written treasurer's report soon.
- (d) Carol is looking for someone to take over as treasurer, since it would be awkward for her to serve in that role and be State Rep also.

5. Chairman's Report-Dawn Lincoln

- (a) Nathaniel Barwell of Pelham has already filed his 2010 candidate survey.
- (b) Dawn has uploaded to Google Docs a spreadsheet giving the detailed results of the candidate survey. This could be used to find people willing to help out on specific issues. It should only be used for NHLA business.

6. Membership Director's Report-Michelle Levell

- (a) There are 720 regular members (up 25 from last month), plus 13 lifetime members.
- (b) Michelle will send letters to endorsed candidates, encouraging them to join the NHLA. Dan has already drafted two templates, one for those who won the election and another for those who lost.

7. Political Action Director's Report-Dan Itse

- (a) Dan was not present, but Dawn gave a summary of the election results. Overall, just over 60% of endorsed candidates won.
- (b) Adam Rick will be at the next meeting, to discuss ways to improve the Gold Standard and the report card.
- (c) Carol suggested that people doing bill review be sure to include reasons for their assessment in the summary.

8. Research Director's Report-Jeremy Olson

- (a) Jeremy discussed possible dates and venues for bill review training in December. Hooksett Library and Murphy's Taproom would make good venues, since they are spacious, centrally located and have WiFi.
- (b) The General Court website changed some formats toward the end of the last session, breaking the script that imports into the bill review system. Jeremy will work to correct this.
- (c) Jeremy would like to enhance the bill review system to allow multiple reviews per bill.

9. Old Business

- (a) Dawn is working with Dan to put together a PowerPoint version of the constitution class.
- (b) Shuvom will handle outreach based on business/industry connection to bills.

10. New Business

- (a) We need an organizer for the Liberty Dinner.
 - i. Dawn has emailed Mark Warden to see if he's interested.
 - ii. The group discussed the pros and cons of having it the same week as PorcFest.
 - iii. For a speaker, Michelle suggested that we approach those who are asking to speak at Liberty Forum but can't find a slot there. She will contact Chris Lawless for a list.
- (b) We need to start thinking about activist of the year. Michelle suggested Dave Ridley.

- (c) Dawn mentioned that there were some complaints on the NHLA forum about our endorsements (<http://www.nhliberty.org/forum/index.php?topic=1360.msg9998#msg9998>). For example, Priscilla Lockwood got a D+ this year, yet she was endorsed.
- (d) The next meeting will be on December 1.
- (e) Jeremy suggested holding future meetings at Liberty Books, if the Reagan Network office becomes unavailable.
- (f) Carol moved that the NHLA donate \$100 to the Reagan Network for providing a place to meet. Michelle seconded. The motion carried.

11. Adjournment

- (a) Michelle moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.