

Minutes – 2018 State Annual Convention

Call to order: 10:04 a.m.

Motion to amend: Katie Moellman, Ruth Foster

Mr. Moellman made a motion to suspend the rules (and constitution) to add the foregoing to the credentials report, but are not delegates for the nomination to public office. Seconded.

15 in favor; 6 opposed (21). Motion passes.

Motion to add Katie Moellman and Ruth Foster to the credentials report (but not permit them to participate to public office nominations).

Motion to call the question. Second. 19 in favor. Passed.

On the question: 19 in favor, 7 opposed.

Mr. Moellman made a motion to suspend the rules (and constitution) to allow Milton Lukens to the credentials report. Second. 13 in favor, 7 opposed. Motion passes.

Motion to add Milton Lukens to the credentials report. Second.

In favor: (way more than 12)

Opposed: 3

Wiest amended John Hicks and Justin Nolan.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to suspend the rules (and constitution) to add the foregoing to the credentials report. Second. 20 in favor; 5 opposed.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to add Dean Barnhart to the credentials committee report. Second.

In favor: majority; opposed: 4

Mr. Capano made a motion to suspend the rules (and constitution) to re-open registration/credentials to allow anyone and everyone who wants to, to be able to vote and participate in the convention as a delegate. Second.

Motion to approve the credentials report by Chris Dillingham, second by Mr. Moellman. Motion carries.

Mr. Capano made a motion to amend the motion to adopt the current draft rules. Second. Mr. Sweeney.

Mr. Moellman moved to call the question on the amendment. Second.

Mr. Moellman moved to amend the convention rules to state that to the extent there is any conflict with the 2017 rules, the body can choose to use the 2017 rules by majority.

Mr. Capano called the question on Mr. Moellman's motion to amend.

In favor: 20 Opposed: 6

On the main question to adopt the rules: motion carries.

Mr. Moellman moved to amend the agenda to add a committee of the whole prior to the rules committee report at 3:30, and then 3:50 to take up the rules committee report. Second.

Motion carries to amend.

Motion by Wiest to suspend to take floor nominations for unfilled races. Passed without objection.

ELECTIONS NOMINATIONS

-Constable nomination by Joseph Redmon for Meade County Constable (district 4) by Mr. Redmon.

-Ann Cormican 72nd KY State House

-Anthony Scott Filback – Barren County Constable (2nd District)

Motion to suspend to nominate as a slate. Passed without objection

Wiest nominated the above candidates.

Election floor speeches:

Boles – 3rd U.S. House

Harris – 6th U.S. House

Hicks – 43rd House

Cormican – 72nd House

Mr. Wiest made a motion under Article VII, Section 5(D) of the Party's Constitution to waive any and all formalities, notice requirements, and legalities that in any way relates to the candidate nomination process or the nomination of the candidates (conventions, timelines, etc). Seconded, Mr. Short. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Wiest made a motion formally nominate and certify the following candidates and results, as certified by the State Elections Committee:

U.S. House – 3rd: Boles 5; NOTA: 0

US House – 6th: Harris: 6; NOTA: 0

KY House 2nd: Gilpin: 2; NOTA: 0

KY House: 43rd: Hicks: 1; NOTA: 0

KY House: 65th: Robinson: 2; NOTA 0

KY House 66th: Hannan: 5; NOTA: 0

KY House 72nd: Cormican: 2; NOTA: 0

Barren County Constable: Filback 2; NOTA: 0

Boone County Constable: Sweeney: 4; NOTA: 0

Greenup Co. Commissioner: Nichols: 2; NOTA: 0

Mason County Magistrate: Applegate: 1; NOTA: 0

Meade Co. Constable: Redmon: 1; NOTA: 0

Montgomery County Magistrate: Denniston: 1; NOTA: 0

Second.

Mr. Moellman made a motion to suspend the rules to rerun the Walker race for 5 minutes.

Second. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Wiest made a motion to amend the report of the elections committee to make the following addition:

Graves County Justice of the Peace: Shane Walker: 3; NOTA: 0

Second. Carried unanimously.

On the main motion: Carried unanimously.

Platform and Issues:

Motion by Mr. Moellman to amend the platform with the first two platform items. Second. Motion carried unanimously.

Omissions

Our silence about any other particular government law, regulation, ordinance, directive, edict, control, regulatory agency, activity, or machination should not be construed to imply approval.

Self-Determination

Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of individual liberty, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to agree to such new governance as to them shall seem most likely to protect their liberty.

Mr. Capano made the motion to adopt the remainder of the platform committee proposal.

Second.

Harris made a motion to divide out the following:

State Actors and Unjust Laws

We understand that State Actors (law enforcement, judges, and other government officials) have a duty to carry out their role in a fair and equitable manner. When laws which violate natural rights exist, and State Actors lack the legal authority to nullify these unjust laws, we encourage such State Actors to join with the Libertarian Party in speaking out against such laws and help us change or abolish those laws. Remember, the root cause of police violence and judicial/bureaucratic malfeasance is not the State Actors themselves, but the unjust laws they must enforce.

Motion to divide passes.

Wiest made a motion to amend “proscribed” to prescribed in the civil liberties. Motion failed.

Wiest made a motion to amend “proscribed in” to “as protected by. Motion to amend carries.

Mr. Dillingham made a motion to divide out the following: Health care, gun control and ballot access:

Health Care

~~Today and tomorrow: The crisis in health care, especially with respect to ever-rising prices, is due to heavy government involvement in health care. Medicare, Medicaid, and licensure laws directly increase the cost to the consumer. The federal government created the now-problematic HMOs in the 1970s—why would new government regulation or nationalized health care do any better today? These laws and programs should be repealed in favor of a totally free market in health care.~~

We favor a free-market health care system. We recognize the freedom of individuals to determine the level of health insurance they want (if any), the level of health care they want, the care providers they want, the medicines and treatments they will use and all other aspects of their medical care, including end-of-life decisions. People should be free to purchase health insurance across state lines.

Gun Control

~~Today and Tomorrow: People have a right to resist the tyranny of their own government and to protect themselves from the violent acts of private criminals. The second amendment is about protection of self from all who would do harm, including government. We call for a repeal of all laws which violate our right to bears arms. This does not, contrary to those who often argue against this freedom, include munitions (such as nuclear weapons).~~

Today and Tomorrow: Personal responsibility, along with gun ownership, are foundational parts of our Kentucky culture and heritage. With the modern technological advances in 3D printing and computer controlled milling machines, there is no way to effectively control firearms. Gun control is people control. People have a right to self

defense from public and private criminals. Thus, we call for a repeal of all laws that violate our natural and constitutional right to keep and bear arms as a firewall against tyranny.

Ballot Access and Voting

While no system is perfect, voting for representative government provides a peaceful and inclusive means to change our government. When a government becomes less representative, it inherently becomes less peaceful and more corrupt. It is imperative that elections comply with the spirit of the Kentucky Bill of Rights, Section 6, which states: "All elections shall be free and equal."

Today: Kentucky's primaries are taxpayer funded but have become innately biased regarding non-establishment partisan candidates and/or minor parties.

Tomorrow: We envision a more fair and equal ballot access system, employing representative democracy to adhere to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. These processes should be wholly self-funded by their respective parties, and the Commonwealth should fairly and equitably accept the results of each party's primary.

Furthermore, the Commonwealth should enact Instant Runoff Voting to permit maximum voter freedom, and eliminate straight-ticket voting.

On motion to divide: motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Moellman to amend the last sentence of health care as follows:

People should be free to purchase health insurance across state lines.

By striking it. Second by Dillingham. Yes: 2 Nay: More than 2.

Motion by Wiest to amend the last sentence as follows:

Government should not interfere with the free market and health insurance market, including purchasing health insurance across state lines.

Watson seconded. Yes: a lot. No: none. Motion carries.

Mr. Moellman made a motion to amend the Gun control motion as follows:

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Motion to amend: a lot. Opposed: 1 Motion passed.

Mr. Capano: on accepting the foregoing 3 platform items. Second Wiest. Motion carried unanimously.

On the main motion to adopt the 3 planks as amended, motion carried unanimously.

On the divided planks:

Property and Contract

As respect for property rights is fundamental to maintaining a free and prosperous society, it follows that the freedom to contract to obtain, retain, profit from, manage, or dispose of one's property must also be upheld. Libertarians would free property owners from government restrictions on their rights to control and enjoy their property, as long as their choices do not harm or infringe on the rights of others. Eminent domain, civil asset forfeiture, governmental limits on profits, governmental production mandates, and governmental controls on prices of goods and services (including wages, rents, and interest) are abridgements of such fundamental rights. For voluntary dealings among private entities, parties should be free to choose with whom they trade and set whatever trade terms are mutually agreeable.

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Second.

Mr Dillingham made a motion to call the question. Second. Passed unanimously.

On the motion to amend: in favor: unanimous. Against: None.

Mr. Moellman made a motion to adopt the property and contract provision as amended. Second.

Mr. Moellman made a motion to call the question. Second. Passed.

On main motion to pass: passed unanimously.

Mr. Capano made a motion to suspend the rules to extend the platform and issues report for 20 minutes. Motion carries, 2/3.

Mr. Sweeney moved that we adopt the Retirement and income security motion as written.

Retirement and Income Security

Retirement planning is the responsibility of the individual, not the government. Libertarians would decimate the current government-sponsored Social Security system and transition to a private voluntary system. The proper and most effective source of help for the poor is the voluntary efforts of private groups and individuals. We believe members of society will become even more charitable and civil society will be strengthened as government reduces its activity in this realm.

Mr. Moellman made a motion to amend this language by substituting decimate with “end.”

Second. Motion carries.

Mr. Watson moved to amend “end” with “phase out.” Second. Motion carries.

Mr. Moellman moved to call the question. Second. All in favor.

On main motion: in favor: a lot. Opposed: 1

Environment

~~Today: No person has the right to pollute the property of another. Therefore, we support the use of courts to sue those who destroy the property of another.~~

Competitive free market and property rights stimulate the technological innovations and behavioral changes required to protect our environment and ecosystems. Protecting the environment requires a clear definition and enforcement of individual rights and responsibilities regarding resources like land, water, air and wildlife. Where damages can be proven and quantified in a court of law, restitution to the injured parties must be required.

Mr. Capano made a motion to amend the proposal as follows:

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Second Mr. Hull.

Motion Dillingham to call the question. Second. Motion to call passed.

On the motion to amend: Yea: 2 No:

Wiest motion to amend:

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Second. On the motion to amend: yes: many. No: none.

On the main motion on the environmental plank:

Mr. Dillingham motion to call the question. Second. Passed.

On the main motion to adopt as amended: many. Opposed: none.

Mr. Moellman made a motion to suspend the rules for 5 minutes for the ballot access and voting plank. Second: Hull. Motion carries.

Ballot Access and Voting

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Furthermore, the Commonwealth should enact Instant Runoff Voting to permit maximum voter freedom, and eliminate straight-ticket voting.

Motion to amend on this plank: many. Opposed: carries.

Preamble:

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scope. In the following pages we have set forth basic principles and enumerated various policy stances derived therefrom. These specific policies are not exhaustive or our end goal. That being liberty and peace in abundance for today as well as tomorrow. It is to these ends that we take these stands to address different topics or issues. Always remembering, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of individual liberty, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it. To agree to such new governance as they deem best in creating new guards for their future security.

Mr. Moellman made a motion to amend:

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Second. Motion to amend: many. Opposed: 1

Motion by Mr. Moellman to amend the following sentence:

The purpose of governance is to protect innocence, protect natural rights, and punish wicked individuals.

Second. Motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Dillingham to table the remainder of the platform committee and refer it back to the committee for consideration at the next convention. Second.

Mr. Capano made a motion to amend to exclude the preamble from the referral. Second.

Mr. Dillingham has moved to call the question. Second. Motion to call the question carries.

On the motion to amend: motion fails.

On the motion to end debate: passes.

On the motion to refer the remainder of the report back to committee: motion carries.

Motion by Wiest to take a 10-minute recess to 4:20 p.m. Second by Moellman. Motion carried.

The body moved to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Moellman made a motion to appoint Harlen Compton chair of the committee of the whole.

Motion to adjourn the committee of the whole. Motion passed.

Mr. Moellman made a motion to suspend the rules to recess for dinner for two hours. Second by Mr. Redmon. Motion fails.

Motion Mr. Moellman to suspend rules to extend time by 40 minutes. Second. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Moellman to suspend the rules to extent time by 7 minutes. Second. 12 in favor, 8 opposed, motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Wiest to suspend the rules and to amend the agenda to recess for dinner for 1.5 hours until 9:00 p.m. and to extend the agenda. Second. Motion carries.

Resumed proceedings at 9:08 p.m.

Ms. Kendrick nominated Ken Moellman for the office of state party treasurer. Mr. Moellman accepted

KEN MOELLMAN

NOTA

Mr. Capano nominated Mr. Gailey for at large. Mr. Gailey accepted the nomination.

MARK GAILEY

NOTA

Mr. Capano made a nomination of Mr. Hull who agreed to serve.

DAN HULL

NOTA

Results:

Mr. Moellman: 18

NOTA: 5

Gailey: 22

NOTA: 1

Hull: 22

NOTA: 1

Moellman, Gailey, Hull elected.

National delegation nominations:

11 primary; 11 alternate

Nominations:

Justin Nolan _____
Josh Gilpin _____
Alexis Buschmann _____
Chris Wiest _____
Cristi Kendrick (wants alt) _____
Milton Lukins _____
Dean Barnhart _____
Bryan Short _____
Dave Capano _____
Dan Hull _____
Joey Redmon _____
Ken Moellman _____
John Hicks _____

Motion to recess for 10 minutes to permit the tellers to count votes by Capano. Second. Passed unanimously.

Results:

1. Wiest
2. Moellman
3. Nolan
4. Bryan Short
5. Capano
6. Redmon
7. Gilpin
8. Lukins
9. Hicks
10. Barnhart
11. (alt) Buschman
12. (alt) Hull
13. (alt) Kendrick

Motion to adjourn at 10:29 p.m.