

Libertarian Party Judicial Committee

In re: Conducting of Electronic LNC Business in Secret and Deletion of Past LNC Business List

Appellant: Mimi Robson

Filed: Jan. 10, 2025

Informal: Robson vs. LNC

Concurring Opinion by Stephan Kinsella.

I concur with the opinion of Mr. Tarnoff.

Mr. Tarnoff's opinion concludes:

We hereby determine that the word "session" in sections 14 and 15 of Article 7 of the Party Bylaws therefore includes doing business by electronic mail balloting. Appellant's request to veto the decision of the LNC to conduct business by electronic mail balloting on a list inaccessible to Party members, whether or not such balloting includes appurtenant discussion or debate, is hereby granted.

I note that this opinion and holding is narrow. It does not veto changes to the Policy Manual nor was the JC requested to do so. Instead, our decision concerns "the decision of the LNC to conduct business by electronic mail balloting on a list inaccessible to Party members." The Tarnoff opinion also does not address the issue of whether and in what context LNC members may communicate with each other informally and unofficially, such as pre-motion discussion, requests for sponsors, debate, and so on before or outside of a session as discussed in the Tarnoff opinion. Whether such communications by LNC members is appropriate, or an attempt to violate the spirit of the Bylaws, or something prohibited by Bylaws 7.15 or elsewhere, would have to be addressed in the appropriate case taking the context and facts into account.