

These Minutes Record the Proceedings of the

Libertarian Party of North Carolina

Convention 2022

4-6 March 2022

Call to Order:

Chair Mr. Joe Garcia (Union) called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

Remembrance of Tom Howe

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Tom Howe. Mrs. Susan Hogarth (Wake), Mrs. Bev Wilcox (Rockingham), and Mrs. Barbara Howe (Granville) spoke in honor of Tom Howe.

Secretary Report

Secretary Ryan Brown (Granville) reported 79 attendees in person and 4 attendees online. There are 60 delegates currently credentialed and 11 alternates. There are 6 Total Non-Member Guests in attendance.

Mr. Brian Irving (Wake) moves “that any LPNC member, as defined in Bylaws Article III Section 1, registered for this convention, including online members, who has been a member for at least 60 days prior to this convention, be designated a delegate to this convention.” The motion is seconded by Mr. Mike Ross (Gaston).

Mr. Brad Hessel (Wake) raises a Point of Information. The Convention Committee does not have a report of those who have been a member for more than 30 days but less than 60 days. Mr. Irving amends his motion to be 30 days instead of 60. Mr. Hessel proposes a friendly amendment to strike the 30 day requirement from the motion. Mr. Irving declines the friendly amendment. The amendment passes on voice vote. The motion passes on voice vote.

Reading of Resolutions

Brian Irving reads “A Resolution to Defend the North Carolina National Guard.” [Addendum #4]

Agenda

Mr. Garcia moves that we adopt the agenda as presented [Addendum #1, Agenda]. The motion is seconded by Mr. Zac Lentz (Forsyth). The motion passes on voice vote.

Presentation

Dale Folwell, as the keeper of the public purse, is responsible for a \$124 billion state pension fund that provides retirement benefits for more than 900,000 teachers, law enforcement officers, and other public workers. Mr. Folwell gives a presentation on healthcare in the state of North Carolina.

Chair: State of the Party

Mr. Garcia explains the theme of the 2022 Convention, “Life Unmandated.” This theme comes in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic and government overreach that followed. Government employed lockdowns, stay at home orders, closed schools, mask mandates, vaccine mandates, and attempted vaccine passports. Libertarians have always been against government mandates. We believe the people should be responsible for the decisions that affect their lives. Quoting the Libertarian Party Platform, Plank 1.1, “Self-Ownership: Individuals own their bodies and have rights over them that other individuals, groups, and governments may not violate. Individuals have the freedom and responsibility to decide what they knowingly and voluntarily consume, and what risks they accept to their own health, finances, safety, or life.”

In North Carolina, there are now 20 count affiliates with seven more since the last convention. Brunswick, Cleveland, Cumberland, Dare and Currituck as the Outer Banks affiliate, Gaston, and Onslow counties. Thank you to all the volunteers who stepped up to start those affiliates.

Throughout the last year, Mr. Garcia has reviewed and updated LPNC documentation. Special thanks to Mr. Brent DeRidder, Mr. Jeremy Hussey, and Mrs. Susan Hogarth for their previous work which was used to create these documents. Mr. Garcia will be working on a standard operating procedure for use during the next year.

As of March 5th, there are 48,304 registered Libertarians in North Carolina. At this time last year, there were 45,045. That is a 7.25% increase. This is faster than the growth of unaffiliated voters or voters registered as Republican or Democrat in the state.

In closing, Mr. Garcia displays the new organization chart for the LPNC. Mr. Garcia asks the members of the LPNC to volunteer to fill out the new organization chart positions.

Platform Committee Report

Sean Haugh (Durham), starts the presentation of the Platform Committee Report [**Addendum #3, Platform Committee Report**]. After introducing the committee, Mr. Haugh reads the first proposed platform change. Mr. Irving moves to amend to replace the 2nd and 3rd references of “The LPNC calls” to “We call” and wherever the plank says “The LPNC calls” to “We call.” The motion is seconded by Mr. Hessel. A friendly amendment is proposed to say “We [the LPNC]” instead of “We.” Mr. Irving rejects the proposed friendly amendment. The amendment passes after a show of hands. Mr. Irving moves to eliminate the 3rd paragraph. Ms. Rebecca Derr (Wake) seconds. After debate, the amendment fails. The proposed platform amendment is accepted after a show of hands.

Mr. Haugh reads the second proposed platform change. Mr. Robert Browder (Cabarrus) moves to amend to change the second “The LPNC” phrase to “We” and “calls” to “call.” Seconded by Mr. Mike

Ross. The amendment is adopted after a show of hands. The proposed platform amendment is accepted after a show of hands.

Mr. Haugh reads the third proposed platform change. Mr. Gabriel Wozniak (Forsyth) moves to strike the second to last sentence of the proposal. There is no second for the amendment. Mr. Ross moves to amend to replace “The LPNC” with “We” in all appropriate cases. The amendment is seconded by Mr. Browder. The amendment is adopted after a show of hands. The proposed platform amendment is accepted after a show of hands.

Mr. Garcia entertains a motion from the floor that would amend all future uses of “The LPNC” to “We” and required grammatical changes for all remaining planks. Mr. Irving raises a point of order stating that the entertained motion would violate convention rules by amending all proposals at once instead of addressing each proposal as proposed. Mr. David Ulmer (Wake) makes the statement that the platform committee may still be able to amend proposals before they are presented to the body. Mr. Haugh reminds the body that the LPNC Secretary has the ability to change grammar, as needed, for all LPNC documents and that such a change would likely fall under that authority.

Mr. Haugh reads the fourth proposed platform change. Mr. Irving moves that, “pursuant to rule 5.3, the convention adopt this ruling without further debate.” Mr. Hessel seconds. After a vote, the proposed platform amendment is accepted after a show of hands.

Mr. Haugh reads the fifth proposed platform change. Mr. Gavin Bell (Person) moves to amend to remove the text “uphold its NC constitutional mandate to ensure that children have access to a quality education by” and that we change “lifting” to “lift” and “allowing” to “allow.” The motion is seconded by Mr. Ross. The amendment passes after a show of hands. Mr. Groo moves to amend to strike everything except the last sentence and to add “Parents should have full control over how their children are educated.” Mrs. Angela Humphries (Craven) seconds. Mr. Browder proposes a friendly amendment to Mr. Groo that we keep the first sentence. Mr. Groo accepts the friendly amendment. Mr. Donald Reid Deal (Davidson) raises a point of order stating that all amendments must be made in writing. The point of order is not well taken. The amendment is adopted after a show of hands. The proposed platform amendment is accepted after a show of hands.

Mr. Stephen Sumner (Duplin) reads the sixth proposed platform change. Mr. Deal moves to amend to change “person of his choice” to “person of their choice.” The motion is seconded. The amendment is adopted after a show of hands. The proposed platform amendment is accepted after a show of hands.

Mr. Sumner reads the seventh proposed platform change. Mr. Ace Fogerson (Franklin) speaks against the proposal as worded. Mr. Fogerson moves to amend to add “state and county agencies” after the word “independent.” The amendment is seconded by Ms. Kathy Cockrell (Wake). The amendment fails with a vote of 17 for and 32 against. Ms. Rebecca Thompson (Mecklenburg) proposes that we add the word “level” after the phrase “state and county.” Mr. Irving raises a point of order stating that the amendment is essentially the same as the last amendment. After clarification, Mr. Irving withdraws his point of order. The amendment is rejected after a show of hands. The proposed platform amendment is rejected after a show of hands.

The convention recesses for lunch.

After lunch, there were 69 delegates checked in when business was resumed.

Mr. Haugh reads the eight proposed platform change. Mr. Ubinger moves to amend to include “General Statute 163-123.” after the first paragraph and to amend the second paragraph to read “Accordingly we call for the restoration of GS 163-140, which formerly required a write-in slot on the

ballot for every election to office.“ The amendment is seconded by Mr. Bell. The amendment fails after a show of hands. Mr. Brown moves to amend to replace the second paragraph with “Accordingly we call for the restoration of the requirement to offer a write-in slot on the ballot for every election to office.” Mr. Haugh seconds. The amendment is accepted after a show of hands. The platform amendment is accepted after a show of hands.

Mr. Haugh reads the ninth proposed platform change. After debate, the proposed platform amendment is accepted after a show of hands.

Mr. Sumner reads the tenth proposed platform change. Mr. Ubinger moves to amend to change the first usage of “individuals” to “private individuals.” The amendment is seconded by Mr. Browder. After discussion, the proposed amendment does not pass. Mr. DiFiore moves to amend the proposal to read “The right of free, voluntary, and peaceful association is absolute. The LPNC supports the right of individuals in any economic or social setting to associate or not to associate with others. We also support the right of individuals to join together to form organizations to assert their rights.” The amendment is rejected after a show of hands. The platform amendment is rejected after a show of hands.

Mr. Sumner reads the eleventh proposed platform change. Mr. Bell moves to amend to replace “have a government” with “have a local government” and “Where governments exist” to “Where local government exists.” The amendment is seconded by Tracy Monte (Buncombe). The amendment is rejected after a show of hands. Mr. Browder moves to amend and strike the phrase “without consent” from the first sentence. The motion is not seconded. Mr. Earl Gurganus (Orange) moves to amend the last sentence to read “without financial repercussions.” Mr. Deal seconds. Mr. Thomas Watercott (Guilford) offers a friendly amendment to Mr. Gurganus to remove the word “financial.” He accepts. The amendment is accepted after a show of hands 42-27. The platform amendment is accepted after a show of hands.

Mr. Brown reads the twelfth proposed platform change. Mr. Ulmer moves that the motion be tabled until Sunday morning in order to have a full debate. The motion is seconded. The motion to table passes after a show of hands.

The business portion of convention recesses until Sunday morning.

Presentation

Dr. Stoops is the director of the John Locke Foundation's Center for Effective Education. He's a member of the NC Charter School Advisory Board.

LNC Candidate Videos and speeches.

Angela McArdle gives a short speech to the body via Zoom. Videos from Tim Hagan, Todd Hagopian, Erik Raudsep, Caryn Ann Harlos, and Andrew Watkins are shown to the body.

Presentation

Shannon Bray & Ace Fogerson: Do you know what cryptocurrencies are and how they work within the blockchain? No? Then this introduction to the blockchains, types of currencies, and how technology can be used to advance our liberty movement is for you.

Mr Garcia calls the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

Secretary Mr. Ryan Brown reports there are currently 69 delegates currently credentialed and reporting checked in.

Adoption of Resolutions

Brian Irving explains his rationale for offering his resolution titled, “A Resolution to Defend the North Carolina National Guard.” [Addendum #4]. The resolution passes unanimously.

Elections

Secretary

Nominations were opened for the office of Secretary. Mr. Donald Reid Deal (Vice Chair) nominates Mr. Ryan Brown for the office of Secretary. Mr. Irving also provides a seconding speech. There are no other nominations for secretary and nominations were closed. After a show of hands, Mr. Brown is elected as LPNC Secretary.

Judicial Committee

Nominations are opened for the Judicial Committee. Mr. Ken Penkowski (Wake) nominates Mr. Irving. Mr. Erik Lindborg (Cabarrus) nominates Ms. J.C. Richards (New Hanover). Mr. Jacobson nominates Mr. Tom Bailey. Mr. Ross nominates Mr. Sumner. Chris Mizelle (Wake) nominates Mr. Ken Penkowski. Mr. Sean Haugh nominates himself for the Judicial Committee. Mr. Sean Haugh withdraws his name from consideration. Mr. Ulmer moves that when the vote is taken, the vote is done as a group. Mr Brown seconds the motion. There is no objection. Mr. Brian Irving removes his name from consideration. Mr. Bill Needham (Davidson) nominates Mr. Sean Haugh for Judicial Committee. The vote to accept all 5 members of the Judicial Committee passes after a show of hands.

The Judicial Committee consists of Ms. J.C. Richards, Mr. Tom Bailey, Mr. Stephen Sumner, Mr. Ken Penkowski, and Mr. Sean Haugh.

Election of Delegates to the Libertarian National Convention

The floor is open for nominations for the election of delegates to the Libertarian National Convention. Mr. Haugh first nominates Pamela Adams and then continues to nominate all other delegates that had previously signed the interested delegate signup sheet. Mr. Ross nominates Phil Taborek (Mecklenburg). Mr. Ross nominates Mr. Thomas Watercott. Nominations were closed. The election for delegates to the Libertarian National Convention was conducted via OpaVote. The results were downloaded from OpaVote and ranked. North Carolina selected 27 delegates and 7 alternates to the Libertarian National Convention. The results of the election are attached below. **[Addendum #5]**

After elections were complete, Mrs. Howe moved that we amend the agenda to move the Other Business section to after our next speaker. Mr. Ulmer seconds. The motion passes without objection.

Presentation

Lisa Sorg is an award-winning environmental investigative reporter with NC Policy Watch, a nonprofit digital media outlet in Raleigh.

Other Business

Susan Hogarth gives a short speech talking about the LPNC, LNC Region 5, the LNC, and other information related to the National Libertarian Party.

Mr. Ulmer moves that the body resume the work of the platform committee. The motion is seconded by Mr. Hessel. The motion passes without objection.

Mr. Brian Irving moves to add the plank The North Carolina National Guard directly after the plank on The Police from the floor. **[Addendum #3]** Mr. Steve Prins (Wake) seconds. The proposed platform amendment is accepted after a show of hands.

Mr. Ulmer moves that we take up the twelfth proposed platform amendment that was tabled yesterday. The motion is seconded. The motion passes without objection.

Mr. Ulmer moves to amend the proposal by adding the word “peaceful” before the phrase “political secession.” Ms. Andrea O'Donnell seconds. The amendment passes after a show of hands. Mr. Gavin Bell moves to amend the word “secession” to “separation” in the 3 instances it is used. The motion to amend is seconded by Mr. Mizelle. Mr. Watercott asks Mr. Bell to accept a friendly amendment to leave the title of the plank as Secession instead of changing it to Separation. Mr. Bell declines the friendly amendment. The motion to amend fails. The proposed platform amendment fails to meet the 2/3rds threshold after a show of hands, 33 in favor to 22 opposed.

Mr. Irving encourages all members who are running for political office in 2022 to stand and introduce themselves to the body.

Adjournment

The Convention closed at 12:03 PM



Addenda

Addendum #1, Agenda

SATURDAY MORNING

9:00 am Call to order

Remembrance of Tom Howe

Secretary's Report

Adoption of agenda

State of the Party Address

9:15 am Reading of Resolutions

9:30 am Special Guest Speaker: NC Treasurer Dale Folwell

10:15 am Break. OpaVote Test

10:30 am Platform Committee Report (90 minutes)

Noon to 1:15 pm Recess for lunch

1:15 pm Reconvene for Business Session – Platform Committee Report (continued)

2:30 pm Guest Speaker: Dr. Terry Stoops

4:00 pm Crypto 101: Shannon Bray & Ace Fogerson

5:00 Recess for Dinner

6:30 pm Gala Banquet

7:30 pm Banquet Speaker: Mary Ruwart

8:30 pm Auction Extravaganza with auctioneer extraordinaire, Eric Santa Smith

SUNDAY MORNING

9:00 am Convention Reconvenes – Business Session

Secretary's Report

Debate and Voting on Resolutions

Election to Fill Secretary Position

Election of Judicial Committee

Election of Delegates to the Libertarian National Convention

Other Business

10:30 am Guest Speaker: Lisa Sorg

12:00 pm Adjourn

Addendum #2, Platform Committee Report

Proposed Change 1: Healthcare

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p>Healthcare: The LPNC calls for the elimination of all legislation or government regulation that forces individuals to participate or limits individuals options in medication, treatment or care of disease or condition. The LPNC calls for the elimination of public health services paid for through taxation in favor of more responsive, more efficient private charitable care with its long history of positive outcomes.</p>	<p>Healthcare: The LPNC calls for the elimination of all legislation or government regulation that coerces or limits people's choices in pursuing their own healthcare. We call for the elimination of public health services paid for through taxation in favor of more responsive, more efficient private charitable care with its long history of positive outcomes.</p> <p>We call for the elimination of all legislation, government regulation, and mandates that force or coerce individuals to participate or limit individuals' options in medication, treatment, or care of disease or condition.</p> <p>We call for the elimination of all legislation, government regulation, and mandates that limits any private group's ability to determine their membership or who is permitted on their property.</p>
<p>Rationale: The government has created mask and vaccine mandates through force and has coerced private employers into implementing mandates. In other states, governments have prohibited private businesses from having mandates. The LPNC should make a clear stance that the government should play no role in influencing medical decisions made by individuals or organizations.</p>	

Approved as amended.



Proposed Change 2: Marriage and Domestic Relationships

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p>Marriage and Domestic Relationships The LPNC calls for the immediate repeal of all laws that encourage or discourage any consensual sexual or family relationships. Additionally, the LPNC calls for the state to leave marriage and domestic relationships to religious institutions or private contracts.</p>	<p>Marriage and Domestic Relationships The LPNC calls for the immediate repeal of all laws that encourage or discourage any sexual or family relationships among consenting adults. Additionally, we call for the state to leave marriage and domestic relationships to religious institutions or private contracts.</p>
<p>Rationale: Children are often targeted and groomed for sexual relationships for reasons they don't fully comprehend. This is not a victimless crime. Adding the word adult clarifies the LPNC stance on protecting children from predatory behavior.</p>	

Approved as amended.



Proposed Change 3: Self Defense

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p>Self Defense The LPNC acknowledges every individual's inalienable right to choose to own and carry firearms or other means of self-defense, without government licensing, registration, monitoring, or interference of any kind.</p>	<p>Self Defense The LPNC acknowledges every individual's inalienable right to choose to own and carry firearms or other means of self-defense, without government licensing, registration, monitoring, or interference of any kind. We also acknowledge the right of individuals to form organizations which are dedicated to voluntary cooperative defense. We oppose any law which attempts to conscript such organizations into government service.</p>
<p>Rationale: There can be serious disagreement as to whether the right of individual citizens to own and carry firearms includes the right to organize on a private voluntary basis with other individuals for coordinated defensive action. The LPNC needs to make it clear that the LPNC supports both.</p>	

Approved as amended.



Proposed Change 4: Criminal Law

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p>Criminal Law The LPNC calls for repeal of all statutes that assert a crime has been committed in cases where no specific victim or damage to property can be identified. We also call for the immediate pardon of those convicted under such laws. The proper focus of a system of criminal justice is to require criminals to provide restitution to the victims of their crime. We recognize the right of the victim to come to a private settlement with, or even pardon, the criminal.</p>	<p>Criminal Law The LPNC calls for repeal of all statutes that assert a crime has been committed in cases where no specific victim or damage to property can be identified. We also call for the immediate pardon of those convicted under such laws and appropriate restitution for those individuals. The proper focus of a system of criminal justice is to require criminals to provide restitution to the victims of their crime. We recognize the right of the victim to come to a private settlement with, or even pardon, the criminal.</p>
<p>Rationale: This amendment adds the phrase “and appropriate restitution for those individuals” to the second sentence of the existing plank. This change emphasizes the need for the perpetrators of state injustice to compensate their victims, who have been wrongfully incarcerated and stigmatized as felons.</p>	

Approved as amended.



Proposed Change 5: Education

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p>Education: The LPNC supports any attempt by parents and students to take control of their education. The state should uphold its NC constitutional mandate to ensure that children have access to a quality education by lifting the burden of regulation from private education and homeschooling and by allowing as much school choice as possible.</p>	<p>Education: The LPNC supports the separation of school and state. Where the state does fund education, that funding should be allocated to students, not systems. Parents should have full control over how their children are educated.</p>
<p>Rationale: The LPNC should be more explicit about holding out the ideal Libertarian solution while at the same time advocating reform of the current system. The committee also wishes for the LPNC to explicitly endorse fundamentally changing how education funds are allocated to give parents and students full control over their choices in education.</p>	

Approved as amended.



Proposed Change 6: Fair Elections

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p>Fair Elections The LPNC calls for an end to all limits on a person's right to support the constitutionally-eligible person of his choice. The right to freedom of expression must include the unrestricted right to pay for dissemination of one's opinion.</p>	<p>Political Contributions The LPNC calls for an end to all limits on a person's right to support the constitutionally-eligible person of their choice. The right to freedom of expression must include the unrestricted right to pay for dissemination of one's opinion.</p>
<p>Rationale: Changing the title of this plank makes it clearer, and relieves it of the burden of covering related, unnamed election law issues.</p>	

Accepted as amended.



Proposed Change 7: Electoral Administration

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p>Electoral Administration The LPNC calls for establishment of an independent agency to administer all elections in North Carolina, replacing the bipartisan state and county boards of elections.</p>	<p>Electoral Administration The LPNC calls for the establishment of an independent agency to administer all elections in North Carolina. We call for any agency administering elections to fairly reflect the entire state electorate by including representatives of all recognized political parties and Unaffiliated voters.</p>
<p>Rationale: The current ban on voters outside of the parties in power serving on Boards of Elections is obviously unfair. Ending that ban would eliminate the domination of those boards by one or the other establishment party. The preference of the LPNC is that an independent agency conduct elections. However, if there are county and state Boards of Elections, they should represent all voters.</p>	

Rejected as amended.



Proposed Change 8: Write-In Votes

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p>N/A. This proposal would constitute a new platform plank.</p>	<p>Write-In Votes To have free and fair elections, voters must be able to choose any person who is constitutionally eligible for office. The LPNC calls for the repeal of NC's general ban on write-in voting.</p> <p>Accordingly we call for the restoration of the requirement to offer a write-in slot on the ballot for every election to office.</p> <p>We proclaim that incumbents must stop picking and choosing which votes to count.</p>
<p>Rationale: This was addressed indirectly under the current Fair Elections plank. The LPNC has long endorsed this principle, so it is important that the LPNC make our support of counting all votes explicit in our platform.</p>	

Accepted as amended.



Proposed Change 9: Pollution

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p>Environment and Pollution: The LPNC calls for reforms to clearly declare the right of everyone to be free from pollution in their living and business situations and for prompt resolution of suits for damages. The best check on potential polluters is to provide an accessible and economic means for victims of pollution to compel full and complete compensation for all damage done by the polluter. However, only demonstrable damages to a person or specific group are actionable, and not vague fears of possible bad futures.</p>	<p>Pollution: Pollution causes harm to people and property on a mass scale. The LPNC calls for the repeal of all laws that protect polluters from full liability for their actions. Those responsible for acts of pollution must provide full restitution to their victims.</p>
<p>Rationale: It is appropriate to rename this plank since it really only addresses pollution and not general environmental issues. This proposal makes our position more direct and unqualified, and is a direct attack on the current state and local laws and policies that subsidize pollution and protect polluters from liability.</p>	

Accept as amended.



Proposed Change 10: Free Association

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p>Free Association: The LPNC supports the right of individuals in any commercial or social circumstance to associate or not to associate with others as they see fit.</p>	<p>Free Association: The right of free, voluntary, and peaceful association is absolute. The LPNC supports the right of individuals in any economic, social, or governmental setting to associate or not to associate with others. We also support the right of individuals to join together to form organizations to assert their rights.</p>
<p>Rationale: The right of free and peaceful association is a chief right of libertarianism. The committee believes the LPNC should make it clear that the LPNC supports that right absolutely.</p>	

Reject as amended.



Proposed Change 11: Annexation

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p>N/A. This proposal would constitute a new platform plank.</p>	<p>Annexation: No person shall have a government forced upon them without consent. The LPNC rejects the ideas of involuntary annexation and extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Where governments exist, persons must retain the right to join or leave them voluntarily without repercussions.</p>
<p>Rationale: Being able to voluntarily associate with others is an absolute right. This also applies to voluntarily associating with governments. The LPNC should recognize this and have a plank that clearly allows for the voluntary joining or removing one's self from governments.</p>	

Accepted as amended.



Proposed Change 12: Secession

Current wording	Proposed wording
N/A. This proposal would constitute a new platform plank.	Secession: The LPNC recognizes the right to peaceful political secession. This includes the right to secession by political entities, private groups, or individuals. Exercise of this right, like the exercise of all other rights, does not remove legal and moral obligations not to violate the rights of others.
Rationale: Secession by means of non aggressive and voluntary secession is absolute.	

Rejected as amended.



Addendum #3, Platform Amendment proposed from the floor.

Current wording	Proposed wording
N/A. This proposal would constitute a new platform plank.	<p>The North Carolina National Guard: The LPNC opposes the unconstitutional deployment of the North Carolina National Guard as an instrument of U.S. foreign policy. Neither the NCNG nor any member should be released from the state into active duty combat unless the U.S. Congress has declared war pursuant to Article I, § 8, Clause 15 of the U.S. Constitution, and only for the express and explicit purposes enumerated in the Constitution, to “execute the Laws of the Union,” repel an invasion, or suppress an insurrection. We call upon the N.C. General Assembly to enact legislation prohibiting deployment of the state National Guard unless Congress and the President of the United States have complied with this constitutional mandate.</p>

Accepted as amended.



Addendum #4, A Resolution to Defend the North Carolina National Guard

A Resolution to Defend the North Carolina National Guard

Whereas Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States vests in the United States Congress the exclusive power to declare war;

Whereas in spite of the clear language of the U.S. Constitution, vesting the power to declare war exclusively in the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Executive Branch has unconstitutionally assumed that power while the Congress has abdicated its constitutional duty;

Whereas the Father of the Constitution, James Madison, wrote, “The Constitution supposes, what the History of all Governments demonstrates, that the Executive is the branch of power most interested in war, and most prone to it. It has accordingly with studied care vested the question of war to the Legislature;”

Whereas although the U.S. Congress has not declared war since 1942, the nation has since gone to war repeatedly at the whim of the executive branch; and

Whereas when such unconstitutional actions are taken by the federal government, it is the proper role of the states themselves to take action to remedy such situations, as outlined in the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions of 1798; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Libertarian Party of North Carolina:

1. calls upon the North Carolina General Assembly to enact legislation to prohibit the North Carolina National Guard and any member thereof to be released from the state into active duty combat unless the U.S. Congress has declared war pursuant to Article I, § 8, Clause 15 of the U.S. Constitution, and only for the express and explicit purposes enumerated in the Constitution, to “execute the Laws of the Union,” repel an invasion, or suppress an insurrection, and
2. calls upon the Governor of North Carolina not to comply with any order from the federal government to release the North Carolina National Guard or any member thereof into federal service unless the U.S. Congress has fulfilled its Constitutional mandate.

Mover: Brian Irving, (919) 538-4548

Secunder: Mike Ross

Addendum #5: North Carolina Delegates to National Results

OpaVote results:

1: <https://web.archive.org/web/20220506031541/https://www.opavote.com/results/6239215873425408>

2:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20220506031759/https://www.opavote.com/reports/6239215873425408/0?style=txt>

Rank	Delegate	Votes
1	Dee Watson	69
2	Mike Ross	69
3	Jeff Scott	62
4	Erik Raudsep	61
5	Ryan Brown	61
6	Angela Humphries	59
7	Ace Fogerson	57
8	Micao Penaflor	56
9	David Smith	53
10	Travis Ritenour	53
11	Ken Schlegel	52
12	Steven J. Di Fiore II	51
13	Bob Derr	50
14	Erik Lindborg	50
15	Sean Haugh	50
16	Rebecca Eryn L. Thompson	49
17	Barbara Howe	48
18	Andrew Johnson	48
19	Brad Hessel	47
20	Robert Browder	47
21	Sean Acton	47
22	Susan Hogarth	45
23	Kenneth Penkowski	43
24	Brandy Ross	42
25	Nick Taylor	41
26	Phil Taborek	40
27	Pam Adams	39
A1	Charles Lanahan	30
A2	Tracy Monte	26
A3	Gabriel Wozniak	21
A4	Nestor Castro	17
A5	Ron Morris	12
A6	Thomas Watercott	10
A7	Phil Jacobson	10