

New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)

Board of Director

Meeting Minutes for December 1, 2008

1. Call To Order

- (a) Chairman Dawn Lincoln called to order the regular meeting of the NHLA at 6:40 PM December 1, 2008 in Concord, NH.

2. Roll Call

- (a) Those board members indicated by an asterisk in the following table were present for the entire meeting. Carol McGuire was present from the beginning through the Treasurer's Report. Steve Vilee was present from the Discussion of the Gold Standard to the end.

*	Dawn Lincoln (Chairman)		*	Jeremy Olson (Research)
	Dan Itse (Political Action)		1-3	Carol McGuire (Treasurer)
	Michelle Levell (Membership)		4-12	Steve Vilee (Secretary)
*	Shuvom Ghose (Vice Chair)			

- (b) Quorum: Yes
(c) Other members present:
i. Adam Rick

3. Treasurer's Report-Carol McGuire

- (a) Carol distributed a corrected report for September 2008 (corrected for PAC contributions), along with reports for October and November.
(b) Carol is looking for fundraiser ideas, since the PAC still has a debt of about \$1400. We will do a 50/50 raffle at the Liberty Forum.
(c) Shuvom moved to accept the corrected September report and the October and November reports. Jeremy seconded. The motion carried.

4. Discussion of Gold Standard

- (a) The group discussed ways to improve the Gold Standard. It was suggested that we should have fewer bills in the Gold Standard, focusing on those where our position is not considered too radical, or where the anti-liberty impact would be high.
(b) Some Democrats perceive that we always disagree with them. We can correct this misconception by opening up dialog with them in those areas where we agree.
(c) Shuvom suggested including an email address in the Gold Standard for comments and questions.

5. Secretary's Report-Steve Vilee

- (a) Jeremy moved to accept the minutes of the November 10 meeting. Dawn seconded. The motion carried.

6. Chairman's Report-Dawn Lincoln

- (a) 27 people attended Dan's constitution class. Dawn sent them all emails inviting them to join the NHLA.
- (b) Michelle has sent out the winner and loser letters to the endorsed candidates.

7. Membership Director's Report-Michelle Levell

- (a) Michelle was not present. However, she reported earlier that there are 734 regular members (up 14 from last month), plus 13 lifetime members.
- (b) The actual number of members is lower, because people who create a forum user ID are currently included in the membership list. These people may never have formally joined as members, or if they did, they may have created a different user ID for membership.
- (c) Jeremy has seen a lot of spam user IDs getting created. He is deleting them as he finds them.
- (d) In the membership list, most of the expiration dates are wrong (e.g., the year is 1900). Jeremy will investigate.

8. Political Action Director's Report-Dan Itse

- (a) Dan was not present. The LSRs are posted, but no bill text yet.

9. Research Director's Report-Jeremy Olson

- (a) Jeremy hasn't yet modified the bill review system to adapt to the new HTML layouts on the General Court website. But it shouldn't be too hard, and he expects to have it done soon.
- (b) The first bill review training session is confirmed for Saturday, December 13 at Murphy's. Renee Camille has offered to host another session on any Sunday at her house. December 14 seems like the best choice.
- (c) Jeremy relayed a suggestion from Seth H. that we set up <http://calendar.nhliberty.org> as a redirect to the calendar in the forum. Jeremy will take care of this.
- (d) Jeremy has been working with Denis on setting up another development server, for testing code changes. He asked if it was necessary to sanitize the database on the development server so volunteers don't see actual membership data, or if it would be enough for them to sign a non-disclosure agreement. The consensus was that the database should be sanitized.
- (e) The group discussed how to find people to act as contacts for specific issues, such as seat belts. Shuvom suggested having a short list of specific things contact people need to do.

10. Old Business

- (a) Shuvom volunteered to be organizer for the Liberty Dinner. He wants to keep the ticket price as low as possible. The dinner can't be the week of PorcFest this year (June 9-15), because that's too early. We need to shoot for late June or early July.

11. New Business

- (a) The group discussed reassigning some of the membership director's duties of a technical nature, such as database management. For now, Jeremy is helping Michelle with these duties.
- (b) The next meeting will be on January 5.
- (c) Steve moved that the NHLA donate \$250 from the civic action fund to the Keene Community Kitchen in January. Jeremy seconded. The motion carried.

12. Adjournment

- (a) Shuvom moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeremy seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.